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HOUSE JOURNAL.

Monday, January, 6.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the Legislature, and the members having assembled at the capitol, they were called to order by Hon. R. D. Power, of Livingston county, on whose motion, Hon. Wm. A. Pratt, of Oakland county, was unanimously chosen Speaker *pro tempore.*

On motion of Hon. Harlehigh Cartter, of Macomb county, C. S. Madison was appointed sergeant at-arms, *pro tempore.*

On motion of Hon. Edward C. Bancroft, of St. Clair county, Augustus W. Hovey was chosen clerk *pro tempore.*

On motion of Hon. Wm. N. McLeod, of Michilimackinac county, a committee of two was ordered to be appointed to wait on Chief Justice Ransom, and invite him to administer the oath of office to the members elect.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed as such commitee, Messrs. McLeod and Compton, who, after a short absence returned, accompanied by the Chief Justice.

Hon. A. G. Eastman, of Lenawee county, stated that Messrs. Wyman and Thomas Kealy, were the claimants of a contested seat in this House as Representatives from Lenawee county, and moved that they both be admitted to seats on this floor, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting, which motion prevailed.

The following members then appeared, were sworn in, and took their seats :

From the counties of Allegan and Barry—Peter J. Cook.

Berrien—John Groves.

Calhoun—Andrew L. Hays, Eli L. Stillson.

Cass and Van Buren—James Shaw, John Andrews.
Chippewa—Peter B. Barbeau.
Genessee—George H. Hazelton.
Hillsdale—Henry Packer, John Humphrey.
Ingham and Eaton—Whitney Jones.
Jackson—David Johnson, William H. Pease, David Menzie.
Kalamazoo—Fletcher Ransom, Stephen Vickery.
Kent, Ionia, and Ottawa—Adam L. Roof.
Lapeer—Daniel W. Taylor.
Lenawee—Ahira G. Eastman, Charles Blair, George Ecklee.
Livingston—Robert D. Power, Ralph Fowler.
Macomb—Calvin Davis, Harlehigh Cartter.
Michilimackinac—William Norman McLeod.
Monroe—Hiram Stone, Henry Mason.
Oakland—William A. Pratt, Augustus S. Johnson, John Galloway, Alfred H. Hanscom, Seymour Arnold, Horace Steevens.
Saginaw—Charles L. Richmond.
Shiawassee and Clinton—Robert R. Thompson.
St. Clair—Edward C. Bancroft.
St. Joseph—John H. Bowman, Washington Pitcher.
Washtenaw—Isaac Magoon, Thomas Wood, Henry Compton, Asa Williams, Henry T. Walker,
Wayne—Andrew Harvie, William O. Rose, John E. Schwarz, Archibald Y. Murray, William Munger, Nicholas W. Pullen.

On motion of Mr. McLeod, a special committee was appointed to investigate the claims of the gentlemen from Lenawee county, contesting a seat in this House.

The Speaker *pro tempore* appointed as such special committee, Messrs. McLeod, Vickery, Bancroft, Hazleton and Magoon.

Mr. Eastman moved that the House take a recess for one hour, which motion was lost.

Mr. Eastman then moved that the House take a recess for half an hour, which motion prevailed.

The time for the recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker *pro tempore*, and on calling the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Andrews, Arnold, Bancroft, Blair, Bowman, Barbeau,

Compton, Cartter, Cook, Davis, Eastman, Ecklee, Fowler, Galloway, Groves, Hanscom, Harvie, Hays, Hazleton, Humphrey, A. S. Johnson, D. Johnson, Jones, McLeod, Munger, Murray, Magoon, Menzie, Power, Pease, Packer, Pitcher, Pullen, Ransom, Rose, Roof, Richman, Stone, Schwarz, Steevens, Shaw, Stillson, Turner, Thompson, Vickery, Wood, Williams, Walker and Speaker *pro tem.*

Mr. McLeod moved that the House now proceed to the election of Speaker, which motion prevailed, and on calling the roll the members severally voted as follows:

For ALFRED H. HANSCOM,

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Roof,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Stone,
Blair,	McLeod,	Schwarz,
Compton,	Munger,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Murray,	Stillson,
Davis,	Magoon,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Mason,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Power,	Vickery,
Fowler,	Packer,	Wood,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Walker,
Hays,	Ransom,	Speaker *pro tem.*
Hill,	Rose,	41

FOR WILLIAM NORMAN MAC LEOD.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Hanscom,	Mr. Menzie,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Pease,
Cook,	Jones,	Shaw, 10
Groves,		

The Speaker pro tem. declared Mr. Hanscom to be duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod, a committee was ordered to be appointed to wait on Mr. Hanscom, inform him of his election, and conduct him to the chair.

The Speaker *pro tempore* named Messrs. Mac Leod and Cartter, as such committee, who having performed the duty assigned to them,

The Speaker adddressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE—I return you my sincere thanks, for the honor you have conferred upon me. I ask your indulgence and kindness to be extended to me during the session. From my limited experience in legislative proceeding I shall require the advice and council of older and more experienced members, and shall rely on

their advice and council at all times. I promise impartiality in discharging the duties devolving upon me, and I trust that the public business will be dispatched with as much expedition as is compatable with due deliberation, and that our proceedings will be characterised by harmony, conciliation and kindness, and tend to the best interests of the state, and that we shall separate with those kindly feelings under which we have now met. Gentlemen, I again return you my thanks for the honor conferred upon me.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The House then proceeded to the election of a clerk, with the following result:

For Ezra Williams.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphrey,,	Richman,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Rose,
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Carter,	Mason,	Steevens,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Stone,
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Murray,	Thompson,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Vickery,
Fowler,	Pease,	Walker,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Groves,	Power,	Wood,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Hays,	Pullen,	50

And Mr. Williams was declared to be duly elected.

Mr. Pratt moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the Senate, and inform it that the House is now permanently organized and ready to proceed to business, which motion was carried.

Messrs. Pratt and Mac Leod were appointed such committee, who after a short absence returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rules of the last House were adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a joint resolution, relative to postage of officers and members of the legislature, also a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a Private Secretary, also a joint resolution to joint rules, which the Senate have adopted, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, to inform the House that Senators Smith and Denton have been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to join a like committee on the part of the House, to inform the Governor that the two houses are organized and ready to receive any communication he may please to make.

JAMES E. PLATT,
Secretary of Senate pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

A committee of two was ordered to be appointed on the part of the House, to act with the Senate committee, and wait on the Executive, and inform him that the two houses were now organized and ready to receive any communication which he should make.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Schwarz and Cartter, who after a short absence, returned and reported that they waited on the Executive, in accordance with their instructions, and had received for answer that he would communicate with the two houses in writing.

Mr. Power moved that the Speaker be authorized to appoint two messengers and one fireman, at a salary not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Mr. A. S. Johnson moved to amend by striking out "two" before "messengers," and inserting "three," which amendment was lost.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Power, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was suspended, and the joint resolutions sent down from the Senate were severally read three times and adopted.

The annual message of the Executive was received by the House, through the hands of Mr. Brodhead, the Governor's Private Secretary, and was read by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Resolved, That the Governor's message be laid on the table, and 2000 copies be printed in the English language, 500 in the German, and 500 in the French.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, January 7, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Hon. Wales Adams, member elect from the county of Branch, was announced to be present, and Mr. Adams thereupon appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. MacLeod, from the select committee to investigate the claims of the gentlemen from Lenawee county, contesting a seat in this House, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the contested election between Henry Wyman and Thomas Kealy, from the county of Lenawee, beg leave, under the rule, to report the following state of facts, and the opinion of the committee upon the same.

Thomas Kealy, in support of his claim, presented the published statement of votes given for representatives to the State Legislature in the several townships of Lenawee county; by which statement it appears that in the whole county he had received 2211 votes, which gave him a majority of 206 votes over the other claimant, Henry Wyman. By the same published statement it further appears that 306 votes were cast for one Henry A. Wyman, of which 301 were given in the town of Tecumseh.

Mr. Kealy further, in support of his claim, presented the certificate of the county clerk, certifying to the election of Thomas Kealy, as patent in the certificate of the board of county canvassers, of record in the office of said clerk. Such was the entire evidence on the part of Mr. Kealy.

Mr. Wyman, on the other hand, alledged that through a clerical error of the township clerk of Tecumseh, 301 votes, which had actually been thrown for himself, were returned to the board of county canvassers as having been given to one Henry A. Wyman.

In support of his averment, Mr. Wyman presented an affidavit signed by the inspectors of elections for the township of Tecumseh, and setting forth unequivocally that 301 votes were cast in that township for Henry Wyman, and that no vote was given for Henry A. Wyman.

The committee further examined Messieurs Blair and Eastman, representatives of the county of Lenawee, in relation to the manner in which the error occurred.

Mr. Kealy did not attempt to controvert the facts in the case, but relied upon the following points. 1st. The legislature cannot go back of the certificate of the county canvassers in determining the election of its members: and, 2d. That the affidavit presented by Mr. Wyman was not sufficiently authenticated, being without seal.

From all the facts, the committee were *unanimously* of opinion that the 301 votes of the township of Tecumseh were actually cast for Henry Wyman, and should be added to the 2005 given to him in other townships, which would give the said Wyman a clear majority of ninety-five votes over Mr. Kealy.

The committee are further of opinion that no question can arise in relation to the right of a legislature to go back of any certificate. On this point the constitution of the State is express and unequivocal: "Each House shall judge of the qualifications, elections, and returns of its own members."—Art. iv, Sec. 11.

In relation to the want of a proper authentication of the affidavit of the inspectors of election, your committee were fully satisfied by the evidence of Messieurs Blair and Eastman.

They therefore respectfully and unanimously recommend to the House, that Henry Wyman shall be deemed duly elected, and be forthwith admitted to his seat in this House.

The Report was accepted, and Mr. Wyman thereupon appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

NOTICES.

Mr. Pratt gave notice that he should at some future day ask for leave to introduce a bill to provide for the sale of the Southern and Central Rail Roads, and for liquidation of the state indebtedness.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to furnish members with

such newspapers as they may direct, not exceeding the price of two daily papers.

On motion of Mr. McLeod, the House proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms, with the following result:

For CURTIS K. S. MADISON.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Rose,	
Adams,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Blair,	Jones,	Stone,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,	
Barbeau,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Turner,	
Davis.	Mason,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Power,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Wood,	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker.	52
Hays.			

And Mr. Madison was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House proceeded to the election of an Engrossing, Enrolling and Recording Clerk, which resulted as follows:

For GEORGE W. JEWETT,

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Rose,	
Adams,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Blair,	Jones,	Stone,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,	
Barbeau,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Turner,	
Davis,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Power,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Wood,	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker,	52
Hays,			

Mr. Bancroft offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a door-keeper. Lost.

Mr. Vickery offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish each member with a copy of the revised statutes, the journals and documents of the last session, and of all the session laws.

The journal of yesterday was now read and amended.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Harvie and Vickery a committee on the part of the House, in pursuance of the joint resolution of yesterday, on the sobject of postage of the members and officers of the House.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to revise the rules of the House, and

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. MacLeod, Vickery, Pratt, Stone and Blair, said committee.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Auditor General:

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Detroit, January 7, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending 30th November, 1844.

Most Respectfully,

Your Obed'nt Servant,

C. G. HAMMOND, *Auditor Gen.*

Also the following communication from the Commissioner of the State Land Office:

STATE LAND OFFICE,
Marshall, January 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives my Annual Report for 1844.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your obed'nt servant,

D. V. BELL, *Commissioner.*

Also the following, from the Chairman of the Board of State Auditors:

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
January 7, 1845

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith to the House of Representatives the Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors.

Most respectfully,

Your obed'nt servant,

R. P. ELDREDGE,

Ch'n Bd. State Aud'trs.

Accompanied with their respective annual reports, which were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Secretary of State transmitted the annual report of the Inspectors of the State Prison at Jackson, for the year ending October 31st, 1844, which was also laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pratt offered the following joint resolution, and the rule having, on motion of Mr. Vickery, been suspended, the same was passed.

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the two Houses do now meet in joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives to canvass the votes given at the last general election for or against the amendment to the constitution.

Mr. Bancroft submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to employ competent persons to translate the Governor's message into the German and French languages.

Mr. Schwarz moved to amend the same by adding to the resolution the following, "and that the translation be let to the lowest bidder," which amendment was lost.

Mr. Cartter moved to amend by striking out the word "Speaker," and inserting "Clerk." Lost.

Mr. Compton then moved that the word "Speaker" be stricken out and committee on printing be inserted.

Which motion prevailed, and the motion as amended, was adopted.

The following communication was received from the State Treasurer, accommpanied with his annual report, which was laid on the table and ordered printed.

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Detroit January 7, 1845.

Hon. A. H. HANSCOM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR—I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of the annual report from this office, for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30th, 1844, prepared and printed for the use of the present legislature, as required by law.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN J. ADAM,
State Treasurer.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Luman R. Slawson as fireman.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to cause the 500 copies of the Governor's message in German, to be printed with German letters, or type, provided, the same can be done at the same rate as is allowed for the State printing.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 7, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return the "joint resolution relative to a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives to canvass the votes given at the last election, on the amendment to the constitution," and to respectfully inform the House that the Senate have coucurred therein.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Messrs. Eastman and Vickery were appointed a committee to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that the House of Representatives were now ready to meet them in joint convention to canvass the votes given at the late general election for an amendment of the constitution of this State.

Senators Richmond and Littlejohn were announced as a committee, informing that the Senate were prepared to meet the House in joint convention.

JOINT CONVENTION.

The Senators and Representatives having convened in the hall of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate proceeded to a call of the Senators, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives to a call of the Representatives, when it appeared that the members were all present except Senator Howell.

On motion of Senator Richmond,

The President announced Senator Richmond and Mr. MacLeod as tellers, who, upon receiving and examining the returns of votes, reported as follows, viz :

That no returns had been received from the counties of Barry, Eaton and Livingston ; and that the returns from the remaining counties exhibit the following result, to wit :

For the amendment,	31,045
Against the amendment,	601
Total,	31,646

On motion of Senator Cust, it was

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the constitution, be declared to be adopted.

On motion of Senator Cust,

The joint convention of the two houses then adjourned *sine die*.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, the roll of members was called and all the members were present.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Steevens :

Resolved, That the clerk of this House invite the reverend clergy of the city of Detroit, and such other clerical gentlemen as shall from time to time be introduced to the clerk by any member of this House, to officiate alternately at the opening of the morning session by prayer.

Mr. Cartter moved to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert, "that the House do now proceed to the election of a Chaplain."

Mr. Andrews moved that the House do now adjourn. Lost.

The yeas and nays having been demanded upon the amendment, it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,

Bowman,	Jones,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	McLeod,	Thompson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Davis,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Groves,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Blair,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Stone,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Power,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Williams,	30

The question then recurring upon the original resolution, the same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms act as door keeper of the House until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Wyman the House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, January 8.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The members of the House all present except Mr. Compton and Mr. Adams.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Duffield.

The Journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees:

Ways and Means—Messrs. Stone, Pratt, Stillson, Hazelton, Roof.

Internal Improvements—Messrs. Hays, Compton, Steevens, Vickery, Adams.

Banks and Incorporations—Messrs. Cartter, Ransom, Mason, Ecklee, Walker.

Judiciary—Messrs. MacLeod, Harvie, D. Johnson, Eastman, Cartter.

Claims—Messrs. Pratt, Packer, Pease, Vickery, Hill.

Printing—Messrs. Bancroft, Fowler, Pullen, Mason, Cook.

Education—Messrs. Harvie, MacLeod, Ransom, Ecklee, Magoon.

Elections—Messrs. Blair, Fowler, Davis, Wood, Rose.

Public Lands—Messrs. Groves, A. S. Johnson, Davis, Richman, Magoon.

Federal Relations—Messrs. Pitcher, Barbeau, Williams, Steevens, Wyman.

State Library—Messrs. Thompson, Munger, Arnold.

Supplies and Expenditures—Messrs. Power, Roof, Richman.

Militia—Messrs. Schwarz, Williams, Galloway.

Agriculture and Manufactures—Messrs. A. S. Johnson, Shaw, Taylor.

Towns and Counties—Messrs. Stillson, Munger, Bowman.

State Prison—Messrs. D. Johnson, Murray, Jones.

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Galloway, Hamphrey, Schwarz.

Engrossment and Enrollment—Messrs. Eastman, Anerews, Jones, Bancroft, Menzie.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. MacLeod—Of M. J. Lightfoot and 126 other inhabitants of the State of Michigan, that the word "white" be expunged from the first clause of article 2d, of the Constitution of this State.

Referred to committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Magoon—Of Samuel Doty and 19 other citizens of Mancheste., in the county of Washtenaw, praying that the time limited for the collection of the tax assessed for the building of a school house in school district No. 6, in that town, be extended to the first day of September next. Referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Magoon, MacLeod, Stone, Harvie, and Roof.

By Mr. MacLeod—Of J. V. Ruehle, and 57 others, praying that the translation of the Governor's Message into the German language may be conferred on Dr. A. Kaminsky. Referred to committee on printing.

By Mr. Wyman—Of H. Willey, for the allowance of interest on a certain claim. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORT.

Mr. McLeod, from the select committee on the revision of the rules of the House, reported, that

The select committee on the rules of the House of Representatives, respectfully report, that they examined with care and deliberation, the code of rules, which, for several years, has served for the governance of the House, and with such exceptions as are herewith submitted, would advise that the same be retained.

Which report was ccepted and referred to a committee of the whole.

NOTICES.

Mr. Schwarz gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to revise and amend an act, entitled "an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbonville;" approved March 27th, 1837.

Also,

A bill to incorporate a number of citizens to construct and erect, in lieu of a common or turnpike road, a plank road in said Fort street, leading from the city of Detroit to, and past the U. S. fort, now erecting in the township of Springwells, and on the Detroit river, until it intersects the road from Dearbonville, with certain privileges and restriction; so that said road may be opened and constructed without expense to the State or county.

Mr. MacLeod offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Senate be respectfully requested to appoint a committee of two to meet with a like committee on the part of the House to consult and advise on the practice of both houses in relation to joint resolutions.

Mr. A. S. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted yesterday, referring the translation of the Governor's message into the French and German languages to the committee on printing. Lost.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Justus Ingersoll and Robert Hutton, as Messengers to the House.

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the Speaker be authorized to employ an additional Messenger.

Mr. Hays moved to amend by limiting the compensation of Messengers to one dollar per day, which was carried, and the motion thus amended prevailed.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Marcus Chase such additional Messenger.

Mr. Hays moved a reconsideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Steevens, and adopted yesterday, inviting the clergy of the city to officiate at the opening of the House daily during the session.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Hays,	Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Richman,	
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Cook,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Wyman,	
Ecklee.	Pease,	Speaker,	
Groves,	Pitcher,		35

NAYS.

Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Steevens,	
Galloway,	Power,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	Walker,	
Magoon,	Rose,	Williams,	15

Mr. Mac Leod moved to strike out of the resolution all after the word "resolved," and insert "that the House do now proceed to the election of a chaplain to the House," when,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, upon the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and reported that they had had under consideration the Rules of the House of Representatives, to which they had made sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The amendments passed in committee of the whole were concurred in by the House.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid upon the table :

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the sale of the public works, be referred to a select committee.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Resolved, That 300 copies of the daily (printed) journal be furnished for the use of the members of this House.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, covering his annual report, which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
January 8th, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—I have the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives, my annual report, as Superintendent of Public Instruction. Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

O. C. COMSTOCK,
Sup't. Pub. Int.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be requested to report a bill, providing for the customary compensation to Thomas Kealy, while in attendance on this House preferring his claim to a seat as member from the county of Lenawee.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Leave of absence for one day, was granted to the Hon. Wales Adams.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

Leave of absence for an indefinite time, was granted to the Hon. Henry Compton.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 8, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a joint resolution relative to journals and documents and a joint a resolution relative to the appointment of a committee,

which the Senate have adopted and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

TH. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House non-concurred in the joint resolution relative to journals and joint documents and concurred in the joint resolution relative to the appointment of a committee.

On motion of Mr. Stevens,

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, January 9, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Upon calling the roll the members all appeared except Mr Adams.

Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Duffield.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The Speaker announced the following as the standing committee on Indian affairs:

Messrs. Andrews, Barbeau and Schwarz.

Committee on the part of the House, under the joint resolution from the Senate, upon the claim of Bolton and Porter:

Messrs. D. Johnson and Andrews.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Stone—Of C. G. Crego, for pay for travel and attendance as a witness before a committee of the Legislature. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Eastman—Two, of 90 inhabitants of Lenawee, that Niles Southard be authorized to redeem certain lands sold for taxes, &c., bid off by the State. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Roof—Two, for the formation of sundry townships in the county of Ionia. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Roof—Of 81 inhabitants of the county of Ionia, for an appropriation in non-resident highway taxes for the construction of a certain road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Munger—Of sundry inhabitants from the counties of Wayne

and Monroe, for the formation of a new county. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of Jane Hartwell, Persis Hartwell and Dan'l Hartwell, executors of the Will of Schuyler V. Brown, deceased, for authority to convey certain lands, in the county of Genessee. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. MacLeod—Of Thomas G. Davis, relative to a claim against the State. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Stone, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the resolution relative to the payment of Thomas Kealy, for travel and attendance while preferring his claim to a seat in the Legislature, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read twice and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. MacLeod, from the select committee, to whom was referred, the petition of the inhabitants of School District, No. 6, in the township of Manchester, in the county of Washtenaw, for relief, made a report thereon accompanied with a bill, which was twice read and referred to a committee of the whole, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Adjutant General, accompanied with his annual report, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed:

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Detroit, January 8, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I haue the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives, my annual report, as Adjutant General of the Militia of the State of Michigan.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
J. E. SCHWARZ,
Adjutant General, M. M.

NOTICES.

Of Mr. Hazelton—That he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate certain streets, in the village of Flint, in the county of Genessee.

Mr. Taylor gives notice, that he will, on some subsequent day, ask leave to introduce a bill to re-annex certain townships, to the county of Lapeer.

On motion of Mr Schwarz,

The message of his Excellency, the Governor, was taken from table and the following resolution offered:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Executive's message as relates to the amendment of the constitution, and as relates to taking the census, be referred to the committee on the "judiciary;"

2. That so much thereof, as relates to the election laws, be referred to the committee on "elections;"

3. That so much as relates to the militia, be referred to the committee on "militia;"

4. That so much as relates to education, the University, and its branches, be referred to the committee on "education;"

5. That so much as relates to banks, to the committee on "banks and incorporations;"

6. That so much as relates to Railroads and Canals, to the committee on "Internal Improvement;"

7. That portion relating to the State land office, (and public lands) and to the geological and topographical survey, to the committee on "public lands;"

8. That part relating to the finance of the State, its indebtedness and its resources, to the committee on "ways and means;"

9 That portion relating to the improvement of rivers, to the committee on "roads and bridges;"

10. That so much as refers to the penitentiary, to the committee on "State prison;"

11. That portion referring to the sale of intoxicating drinks to the Indians, to the committee on "Indian affairs;"

12. That part referring to a tariff, to the committee on "agriculture and manufactures."

Mr. Bancroft moved that the question be taken on each clause, separately. Carried.

The first five divisons of the resolution were passed, and the several portions of the Message referred to therein, were referred.

Mr. Bancroft moved that the 6th division of the resolution relating to railroads and canals, be laid upon the table. Lost.

Mr Pratt then moved that the consideration of this clause in the resolution be postponed until to-morrow. Lost.

The sixth clause was then adopted, together with the remainder of the resolution, and the same referred in conformity therewith.

Mr Schwarz offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on the State Library.

Resolved, That the committee on State Library be instructed to direct the librarian to compile and complete without delay, a correct catalogue of all the books, pamphlets, periodicals, magazines, &c., now in the State Library, and that said committee be authorized to have as many copies of said catalogue printed in book form, for the use of the library as they may think necessary.

Also, That the same committee be authorized to have all these books of which the binding has been injured by use or abuse, rebound in a strong, durable, but cheap style of binding.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be requested to furnish the hall of the House of Representatives with a suitable set of chairs for the use of the members.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Acting Commissioner of Internal Improvement, accompanied with the annual report of the Commissioners:

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE,
Detroit, January 9, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I herewith transmit to the legislature the annual report of the Commissioners of Internal Improvement.

Most respectfully,

O. C. COMSTOCK, Jr.,
Acting Commissioner.

Mr. Pratt moved to take from the table the reports of the State officers; and on motion of that gentleman, they were referred as follows, to wit:

The reports of the Auditor General and State Treasurer, to the committee on ways and means;

The report of the Commissioner of the State Land Office, to the committee on public lands;

The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the committee on education ;

The report of the Commissioners of Internal Improvement, to the committee on Internal Improvement ;

The report of the State Auditors, to the committee on claims ;

The report of the Inspectors of the State Prison, to the committee on State Prison ;

The report of the Adjutant General, to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Pratt offered the following joint resolution, and the rule requiring its reference to a committee of the whole having been suspended, the same was adopted :

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That there be a committee appointed, of two from the House and one from the Senate, to prepare for publication, a suitable manual, for the use of the members and officers of this Legislature—the Governor and the heads of the several Executive Departments of the State Government.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER, *January* 8, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives, a "joint resolution relative to a manual," which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y Senate.

The joint resolution from the Senate was then read a first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, moved to reconsider the joint resolution offered by him relative to a manual, which prevailed, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt, the same was indefinitely postponed.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Stone in the chair.

After some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the following entitled bills :

A bill for the relief of school district No. 6, in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw, which the committee passed without amendment.

2d. "A Bill to provide for the payment of Thomas Kealy, for travel and attendance in claiming a seat as a member of the House of Representatives," which had passed with an amendment. Also

3d. Joint resolution from the Senate, "relative to a manual," which was also passed, and that he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The first named bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The second bill and the Senate joint resolution relative to a manual, the rule having been suspended, on motion of Mr. Pratt, were severally read a third time and passed.

Mr. MacLeod called for the consideration of the motion for the appointment of a chaplain to the House.

Mr. Pratt moved its indefinite postponement, which motion was lost.

Mr. Eastman moved to amend by providing for the appointment of two Chaplains, whose duty it should be to officiate alternately. Lost.

Mr. Pratt moved that the motions to strike out and insert be taken separately. Agreed to.

On the motion to strike out, the yeas and nays were called for, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	Harvie,	Richman,	
Barbeau,	Hays,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Cook,	Munger,	Wood,	
Davis,	Pease,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Speaker,	30

NAYS:

Mr, Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Roof,

Ecklee,	Mason,	Rose,	
Fowler,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Power,	Vickery,	
Humphrey,,	Pratt,	Walker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Williams,	21

The question on the motion to insert recurring, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it passed in the affirmative by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Jones,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pease,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Speaker	
Harvie,	Richman,		29

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Cook,	Mason,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Fowler,	Packer,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Power,	Williams,	
Hazleton,	Pratt,		22
Humphrey,	Ransom,		

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The resolution was laid on the table, and

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, January 10.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

All the members present except Messrs. Adams and Menzie.

The Journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 24 inhabitants of the town of China, St. Clair county, for a law relative to granting licenses. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Vickery—Of 45 citizens, (legal voters,) of the county of Kalamazoo, praying for the abolition of capital punishment. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Cook—Of John W. Watson and 41 others, to alter the name of the township of Plainfield, in the county of Allegan, to Gunplain. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Compton—A claim of George Davis, against the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Groves—The petition of John Handly, for an act authorizing him to redeem certain lands forfeited to the State. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Roof—Of the inhabitants of Montcalm, praying for the organization of a new township. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Roof—Of Samuel Demarest, John Green and others, to be allowed to construct a dam on Flat river, in the county of Montcalm. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Blair—Of James Geddes and others, concerning the assessment of personal property. Referred to committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Thompson—Of Nelson Ferry, county surveyor, of the county of Shiawassee, for an alteration of the laws, regulating county surveys. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Andrews—Of Alexander Sloan, for an act authorizing the draining of a lake, on certain school lands. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Shaw—Of Cyrus Dana and others, for an act authorizing Alvin J. Dunbar, to sell and convey certain real estate. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reports as correctly engrossed,

A bill entitled, "a bill for the relief of School District No. 6, in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw."

Also a bill entitled,

"A Bill to provide for the payment of Thomas Kealy, for travel and attendance in claiming a seat as a member of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Harvie, from the joint committee charged with the duty of making an arrangement with the Post Master of Detroit, in relation to the postage of officers and members of the Legislature, reported as follows:

The joint committee to whom it was referred to make an arrangement with the Post Master of Detroit for the postage of members of the Legislature during the present session thereof, on the part of the House of Representatives, respectfully report that they have effected an arrangement with the Post Master, as follows:

The Post Master will open an account current with the State, in which he will charge the postage of all mailable matter *sent* or *received* by members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The members of the House of Representatives who wish to have the postage of matter sent by them charged on said account, will endorse on the letter, parcel, or package so sent, [Pd. H. R.,] together with their names.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Roof gave notice, that he would, at some future day ask leave to bring in a bill to amend an act entitled "the act for the destruction of wolves."

Mr. Pitcher offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the members of the House with all the back journals of the House of Representatives and Senate that are now printed.

Mr. Pratt, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for the sale of the Southern and Central Railroads, and for liquidation of the state indebtedness.

The yeas and nays were ordered, on granting leave, and leave was accordingly granted, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Rose,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bowman,	Jones,	Stone,
Barbeau,	MacLeod,	Schwarz.
Compton,	Munger,	Steevens,
Carter,	Murray,	Shaw,
Cook,	Magoon,	Stillson,
Davis.	Menzie,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Mason,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Power,	Wood,
Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,
Groves,	Packer,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Speaker,
Hays,	Pullen,	51

NAYS.

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And thereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Pratt, Andrews and Richman, a committee to bring in the bill.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill for the recording or filing of chattel mortgages.

Leave of absence on account of illness, was granted to Mr. Adams for the remaiuder of the week.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The resolution that the House do now proceed to the election of a chaplain, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The resolution was modified by a provision that the House elect two chaplains instead of one, and that they officiate alternately, and the resolution was then adopted.

The House proceeded to the election of its Chaplains, with the following result:

For the Rev. Messrs. JAMES B. WATSON and JAMES INGLIS,

Mr. Andrews,	Mr Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Rose,

Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bowman,	Jones,	Stone,
Barbeau,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Compton,	Munger,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Cook,	Menzie,	Stillson,
Davis.	Mason,	Turner,
Eastman,	Power,	Thompson,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Wood,
Fowler,	Pratt,	Williams,
Galloway,	Packer,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker.
Hays.		50

For the Rev. Messrs. JAMES B. WATSON and GEORGE DUFFIELD, Mr. Vickery, 1

Whereupon, the Speaker declared Messrs. Watson and Inglis duly elected as Chaplains to the House.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Messrs. Harvie and Richman were appointed a committee to wait upon the Chaplains elect, and inform them of their election.

The bill for the relief of School District No. 6, in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw, was read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Pullen moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the judiciary with instructions to strike out of section 2, the words "school district No. 6," and insert the word "township."

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, reported the bill back to the House, amended in conformity with the instructions of the House, and the bill was then passed.

On motion of Mr MacLeod,

Resolved, That when the House adjourns, it shall be adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday morning next.

And on motion of Mr. Compton, the House adjourned accordingly.

Monday, January 13, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

All the members present except Messrs. Adams, Compton, Davis, Thompson and Pratt.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, one of the Chaplains to the House.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Harvie—Of E. Corning & Co., for relief, touching a warrant issued for spikes for the Central Railroad. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Cartter—Of James Covel, Jr., for the allowance of a claim againt the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Harvie—The account of G. F. Rood & Co., for stationery delivered to State officers. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Wyman—Of Lucinda Buck, a minor, for authority to sell and convey certain real estate. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Vickery—Claim of Chandler & Stillman, for blanks furnished the Auditor General. Referred to committee on caims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee on printing, made the following report :

The committee on printing, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, on the subject of the translation of the Governor's message, into the German and French languages, beg leave to submit the following report :

That, acting under a resolution of the House, referring that matter to them, they deemed it proper, inasmuch as the same had been referred by the Senate to his Excellency, the Governor, to confer with him on that subject. In doing so, it has been agreed to give the translation of the message into the German to J. B. Schick, and into the French, to E. N. La Croix.

The printing of the German, to L. Kaminsky, editor of the German newspaper, recently established in this city ; and that of the French, to Messrs. Bagg & Harmon.

The committee had several applications made to them for the translation, all of which gave ample references as to their ability to translate the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, reported a bill to provide for the establishing and constructing a road from Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to Ada, in the county of Kent, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 13, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit a preamble and joint resolution relative to salt spring lands, which the Senate have adopted, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, to inform you that Senators Hale and Thurber have been appointed, on the part of the Senate, under the resolution of the House requesting the appointment of a committee to confer with the House committee in reference to joint resolutions.

Also, that Senators Smith and Denton have been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate, under the joint resolution relative to a Manual.

Also, to transmit a preamble and joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of a reduction of postage, which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,

TH. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The preamble and joint resolution from the Senate relative to salt spring lands was referred to the committee on public lands.

And the preamble and joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of the reduction of postage to the committee on Federal Relations.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pratt for an indefinite time, to Mr. Adams, for one week, and to Messrs. Davis, Steevens and Thompson, respectively, for one day.

NOTICES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS.

Mr. Schwarz gave notice, that he would, on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for taking the census for the year 1845.

Mr. Galloway gave notice, that at an early day, he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road.

Mr. Groves gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of purchasers of university, state building, and school lands, who have forfeited, or who may hereafter forfeit the same, in consequence of non-payment at the time fixed by law.

On motion of Mr. Fowler,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the act entitled an act in relation to the duties of supervisors in certain cases, as to authorize the board of supervisors to raise by tax any sum of money necessary to erect the county buildings, provided such sum does not exceed three mills upon the dollar in any one year, on the taxable property in said county.

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to report a bill amendatory of "an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings," so as to confer upon creditors, (under suitable restrictions,) the benefit of summons against garnishees in suits commenced by summons against absconding and fraudulent debtors.

Mr. Bancroft moved a reconsideration of the report of the committee to make arrangements with the post master of the city of Detroit in relation to the postage of the officers and members of the Legislature; which was carried.

And thereupon Mr. Bancroft moved that the report be recommitted to said committee with instructions to strike out that part of the same which authorizes the post master to charge the House with mailable matter sent by members

Which motion did not prevail; and,

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee the same was adopted.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Roof asked for and obtained leave to introduce a "bill to amend an act for the destruction of wolves."

Whereupon the chair appointed Messrs. Roof, Power and Hazelton, a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Resolved, That all bills reported by standing or select committees be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Wyman offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on printing be instructed to procure for distribution among the members of this House, 500 additional copies of the several reports of the Auditor General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Board of Internal Improvement, and Adjutant General.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, the resolution was laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 13, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that Senator Videto has been appointed on the part of the Senate, under the "joint resolution relative to the appointment of a committee."

Very respectfully,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of Senate.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. MacLeod and Vickery, a committee on the part of the House to meet a committee of the Senate, to consult and advise on the practice of both Houses, in relation to joint resolutions.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Attorney General, accompanied by his annual report, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I have the honor to submit to the House of Representatives,

the annual report of the Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully,

E. FARNSWORTH,

Attorney General.

Detroit, January 13, 1845.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Vickery in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee had had under consideration a bill to provide for establishing and constructing a road from Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to Ada, in the county of Kent, which the committee have passed with an amendment, and that he was directed to ask for the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the amendment, and,

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The said bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House adjourned till to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, January 14, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—the members all present except Mr. Munger.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

Mr. Power announced the presence of the Hon. Fitch Hill, member of the House of Representatives elect, from the county of Washtenaw. Mr. Hill was then qualified and took his seat.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Compton—Of sundry inhabitants of Washtenaw county, praying the passage of a law dispensing with militia musters and company trainings. Referred to committee on militia.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of John Aiken and 120 other citizens of the town of Sherman, in said county, praying for a division of said town. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves from the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the preamble and joint resolution from the Senate, in relation to Salt Spring lands, have had the same under consideration, and instruct their chairman to report them back to the House, and recommend their adoption.

The same committee to whom was referred the petition of Jane and Persis M. Hartwell, praying the Legislature to pass an act authorizing them to convey certain lands in Genesee county, have had the same under consideration, and instruct their chairman to report said petition back to the House, and advise its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod, the report of the committee was accepted.

The joint resolutions from the Senate relative to salt spring lands, were read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

The petition of Jane Hartwell and Persis Hartwell was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the criminal laws of the State.

Mr. D. Johnson gave notice that he should on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of Grand river.

Mr. Vickery offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the commissioner of the State land office be, and he is hereby instructed, to investigate the claim of school district number three in the township of Kalamazoo in the county of Kalamazoo, to its share of money which had accrued from the rents of section number sixteen in the said township, in the year 1837, when the same was sold by the State; and he is hereby authorized to issue his certificate to the school director of the said district for any sum to which he may think it equitably entitled, which sum the state treasurer is

hereby directed to pay out of any money in the school fund not otherwise appropriated.

The resolution was referred to the committee on public lands.

The following resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution was offered by Mr. Williams, and referred to the committee on the judiciary :

Resolved, That the following amendment to section four, article four of the constitution of the state, be proposed, to wit : strike out the word "annually," and insert the words "biennially, or once in every two years," so that the section will read, the representatives shall be chosen biennially or once in every two years, on the first Tuesday of November, by the electors of the several counties or districts, in which the state shall be divided for that purpose. And that section twenty-one of the fourth article be amended so as to read as follows: The legislature shall meet on the first Tuesday in January, biennially, or once in every two years, and at no other time, Provided, unless otherwise directed by law, or provided for in this constitution.

On motion of Mr. Pullen,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of bringing in a bill to amend the act to prescribe the powers and duties of Justices of the Peace, so as to abolish the right of appeal to the circuit court, and to provide that the party aggrieved may have a new trial before the same Justice of the Peace with two associates, and a jury of twelve men.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements with the postmaster of Detroit to keep an account of the postage of the members of this House individually and separately.

Mr. Hays moved an amendment, directing that the Postmaster be paid out of the public treasury for keeping the said account. The amendment was lost.

The resolution was then, on motion of Mr. Steevens, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Resolved, That the committee on elections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to this House, to prevent bet-

ting on elections, by imposing such fines and penalties as will effect that object.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House took from the table, the bill entitled "a bill to provide for establishing and constructing a road from the village of Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada, in the county of Kent."

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The name of Timothy White, was inserted after that of Amos B. Hubbell, in the fifth line of the first section, and the name of Cyprian S. Hooker in the blank following in the same line; the name of Jacob Pratt, in the first blank in the first line of section 11, and the name of Cyprian S. Hooker, in the second blank in the same line.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The following was added at the end of the first section—"and the said commissioners shall be paid at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day, out of the fund created for the construction of said road."

Mr. Eastman moved to amend the second section by inserting after the word "tax," in the third line, the words, "in the counties of Ionia and Kent," which amendment was lost.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson, the second section was amended by inserting after the words "Grand River," in the fifth line, the words "in the counties of Ionia and Kent."

Mr. Bancroft moved to strike out all after the word "Michigan," in the second line of the fifteenth section, to and including the word "half," in the third line, and insert the word "which," in place thereof, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Carter moved to amend by inserting the word "non-resident" between "the" and "highway" in the third line of section two—carried.

Mr. Eastman moved the following additional section to the bill, which was adopted:

Sec. 17. The State shall not be liable for any expense incurred, or damage sustained by reason of this act, and in case the roads mentioned in said act shall not be surveyed and laid out in three years from the passage of this act, the provisions contained therein shall be void.

Mr. Roof moved to add to the 14th section of the bill as follows:

"The supervisors of the respective counties of Ionia and Kent are hereby authorised to fill any vacancy which may occur by virtue of this act."

The Bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Stone in the Chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the joint resolutions from the Senate relative to salt spring lands, and had passed the same without amendment.

The joint resolutions were then ordered to a third reading, and,

On Motion of Mr. Murray,

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, Jaunary 15, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The members were all present except Mr. Munger—and Messrs. Adams and Pratt absent on leave.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Galloway—Of John A. Nichols, to redeem certain lands. Referred to the committed on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Schwarz—The claim of Harsha & Wilcox, for blanks printed for the office of the Auditor General. Referred to committee on claims.

By the same—Of 88 inhabitants of the township of Plymouth, in the county of Wayne, for dispensing with all militia musters and company trainings. Referred to committee on Militia.

By Mr. Cartter—The claim of Samuel Axford, one of the Presidential Electors of the State of Michigan. Referred to committee on Claims.

By Mr. Roof—Of 33 inhabitants of the town of Portland, Ionia

county, for the organization of a new township, to be called Polk.—Referred to committee on Towns and Counties.

By Mr. Jones—Resolution of the board of Supervisors of the county of Eaton, in favor of the passage of an act to continue in force the act for the destruction of wolves. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on Engrossment and Enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed "A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a road from the village of Lyons in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada in the county of Kent." Ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Roof, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act for the destruction of wolves." Laid on the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from his Excellency, the Governor, covering the communication which follows, from the office of Indian Affairs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, January 14, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a copy of a letter from T. H. Crawford, Esq. Commissioner of the Office of Indian Affairs, on the subject of selling intoxicating drinks to the Indians.

JNO. S. BARRY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office of Indian Affairs, December 12, 1845.

SIR:—It has ever been the humane policy of the Government of the United States to prevent the introduction of ardent spirits among the Indian tribes, but it would appear, judging from the present state of the whiskey trade, that all the benevolent efforts exerted by this Department have failed. The Indian agents and sub-agents have done all in their power to put an end to this pernicious traffic, but as their jurisdiction is limited to the Indian country, the Indians are enabled nevertheless to go into the adjoining States and Territories and purchase as much whiskey as they can carry away. By these means the whole labor and care of the agents are thwarted.

From all sections of the Indian country, complaints are constantly

coming up to this Office, of the evils attendant on the whiskey trade, and the consequent increased degradaion otf these unfortunate people. It behooves us to do all that we possibly can to prevent its continuance and to put a stop to its present destructive course, and I have conceived it my duty to address to you a communication upon this subject, and to request you as the Executive, to lay it before the Legatisure in order that they may take the proper action thereon.

I would therefore suggest for your consideration, the passage of an act declaring the introduction of ardent spirits beyond the precincts of the white settlements, (within the bounds of the land sold or advertised by government) to be *prima facie* evidence of intention to sell or give to the Indians and subjecting the same to confiscations. Also making the sale or introduction of liquor a misdemeanor, and punishable as such; giving all persons in the employ of the Government or of the State or territory full power to seize, confiscate or destroy the article. A heavy fine should likewise be imposed upon all persons whomsoever that sell ardent spirits to Indians, &c. (which in a few cases is now authorized.)

By the passage of such a law in the different States and Territories much good might be done as it would enable the military Indian agents and their subordinates to check if not entirely to put a stop to this nefarious traffic. And I would therefore respectfully urge upon you the reference of this matter to the Legislature.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

His Excellency, JOHN S. BARRY,

Governor of the State of Michigan, Detroit.

Mr. Hays offered the following preamble and joint resolution, which were twice read, and on motion of Mr. Cartter, were referred to the committee of the whole :

Whereas, The recent demonstration of public opinion evinced at the last Presidential election, give evidence that a great majority of the people of the *United States* are in favor of admitting Texas, as an integral part of this Union, on an equal footing with the original States and Territories;

And *Whereas*, Texas has given to the world sufficient evidence of

her ability to maintain her independence and standing among the nations of the earth.

And *Whereas*, Texas has the indisputable rights to transfer, and the government of the United States to receive the Territory of Texas without the consent of any other power. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatiaes of the State of Michigan, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be, and are hereby requested, to use all proper exertions for the immediate reannexation of Texas to these United States.

Mr. Harvie, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for leave to bring in a bill to amend the criminal laws of the State.

Leave being granted, the chair appointed Messrs. Harvie, Stone, and Eastman, a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, reported that the committee had had under consideration the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lenawee county, askingthe Legislature to authorize Niles Southard to redeem certain lands, sold for taxes in 1840, and bid off by the State.

Also the petiition of Alexander Sloan, praying the Legislature to pass an act authorizing him to drain a certain lake on certain school land in the county of Van Buren.

And the petition of John Hanley, praying the Legislature to pass an act authorizing him to redeem certain lands forfeited to the State.

And had instructed their chairman to report said several petitions back to the House, and recommend their reference to the committee on the judiciary.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee on public lands discharged from the further consideration of said petitions, and the same were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the improvement of Shiawassee river.

Also a bill for the improvement of the Northorn Turnpike or Wagon Road, on or near the line of the Northern Railroad, leading from Port Huron, St. Clair county, to the waters of the Grand River.

Mr. Taylor, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill to re-attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer.

Leave being granted, the chair appointed Messrs. Taylor, Steevens, and Bowman a committee to bring in said bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 15, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a "joint resolution relative to the postage of officers and members of the Legislature," which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Also to return the "bill to provide for the payment of Thomas Kealy, for travel and attendance in claiming a seat as a member of the House of Representatives," with sundry amendments thereto, which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the postage of officers and members of the Legislature, was thereupon referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The House concurred in the amendments of the "bill to provide for the payment of Thomas Kealy, for travel and attendance in claiming a seat as a member of the House of Representatives;" and the same was ordered to be enrolled.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The Speaker announced for a third reading, the "joint resolution from the Senate, relative to Salt Spring Lands;" whereupon, on motion of Mr. Groves, the said joint resolution was recommitted to the committee on public lands.

Also,

The "bill to provide for constructing and establishing a road from the village of Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada, in the county of Kent," which was read a third time and passed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Steevens in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that

the committee has had under consideration the joint preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Hays relative to the annexation of Texas to the United States; that the committee had passed the same with an amendment, in which he was instructed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in the amendment, and

On motion of Mr. Cartter, the joint preamble and resolution was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wyman called for the consideration of the resolution offered by him yesterday, relative to a reprint of sundry public documents, and the same was accordingly taken from the table.

On motion of Wyman,

The resolution was amended by striking out "Superintendent of Public Instruction."

Mr. Vickery moved to strike out "and Adjutant General," which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The further consideration of the resolution was postponed two days.

The House then adjourned until to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, January 16, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The members were all present except Messrs. Munger, Ecklee and Shaw, absent without leave, and Messrs. Pratt and Adams on leave.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Bowman, remonstrance of P. H. Buck and 100 others, citizens of the town of Sherman, St. Joseph county, against the division of said town. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Roof, petition of Fred. Hale and thirty-two other inhabitants of the county of Ionia, praying for an appropriation for the

improvement of the Clinton road, through the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Ionia and Kent. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Cook, of Joseph Wakazoo and thirty-three others, red men, or natives, praying for the privilege of being subjected to taxation, in the same manner as other citizens, and for admission to all other privileges of citizenship. Referred to committee on judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was recommitted the preamble and joint resolution in relation to Salt Spring lands, reported that the committee had had the said joint resolution under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and propose the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "lands" and insert "so that they may be made available for the purposes of the grant.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The report was accepted.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the joint resolution from the Senate relative to the postage of officers and members of the legislature, reported that the committee had had the said joint resolution under consideration, and had directed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its adoption by the House.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the joint resolution thereupon twice read and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on state library, to whom was referred the resolution of the ninth instant, relative to the completion of a catalogue, and the rebinding of a portion of the books, reported that the committee had had the said resolution under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the following joint resolution to the House and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to cause to be compiled and completed without delay, a correct catalogue of all books, pamphlets, periodicals, magazines, &c., now in the state library, and that said committee be authorized to cause as many copies of

said catalogue to be printed in book form for the library as the said committee may think necessary, and that the said committee be further authorized to have all books of which the binding has been materially injured, by use or abuse rebound in a durable but cheap style of binding.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the joint resolution read the first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, reported a "bill to amend the law in relation to crimes," which was read a first and second time and referred to committee of the whole.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Cartter offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to vote against any appropriation for the United States Military Academy at West Point, and use their best endeavors to do away with that institution.

Resolved, That the Governor be instructed to transmit a copy of the above resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress. Referred to committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that on some future day, he will ask leave to introduce a "bill to amend part 1st, title 3d, chapter 3d, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to surveys and the duties of county surveyors."

Mr. Hazelton gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to bring in a bill for the improvement of Flint River.

Leave of absence, for one day, was granted to Messrs Shaw and Ecklee respectively.

Mr. Pullen offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the committee on elections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act, entitled an "act to provide for the punishment of bribery and corruption in certain cases," approved February 20th, 1844, so as to prohibit persons from having spiritous liquor at the place of holding elections and township meetings, for the purpose of being freely distributed among the electors.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

Resolved, That the Board of Internal Improvement be, and they

are hereby instructed, to inform the House, as early as it may suit their convenience, whether the iron for the Central Railroad, between the villages of Marshall and Kalamazoo, has been contracted for, or any opportunity been presented for purchasing the same, and if not, whether any, and if any, *what* further legislation is necessary to accomplish that object.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Bancroft in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration a "joint resolution, relative to the State Library," which he was directed to report to the House with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also,

A "joint resolution relative to the postage of officers and members of the Legislature," which he was directed to report without amendment.

The House concurred in the amendment to the first joint resolution.

The question being upon the passage of the second,

On motion of Mr. Compton, it was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Friday, Jnnuary 17, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read, and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Williams—Of 30 inhabitants of Lima, Washtenaw county, praying to have militia company parades dispensed with. Referred to committee on the Militia.

By Mr. Wyman, of Darius Mead and 79 citizens of Lenawee county, relative to the possession of Oregon, and the admission of Texas into the Union. Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Jones—Of William B. Hopkins, and 42 others, asking for an appropriation for the improvement of the Clinton Road through

Jackson, Eaton, Ionia, and Kent counties. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. A. S. Johnson—From 76 of the inhabitants of the county of Oakland, asking for the passage of a law relative to licences. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Magoon—Of George Millard and others, to provide by law for taking the sense of the people in each township on the subject of granting licences therein. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Cartter—Of Horace Steevens, relative to certain school lands in the town of Clinton, Macomb county. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Cook—Of Eseck Baker and 13 others, for the organization of a township in the county of Allegan. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Vickery—Of 112 citizens of Kalamazoo, asking an appropriation of 2,000 acres of land for the improvement of the Kalamazoo river between the villages of Kalamazoo and Allegan. Referred to committee on internal improvements.

By Mr. Murray—Of Charles Howard and 52 others, in opposition to the annexation of new slave territory to the United States, and to the increase of slavery. Referred to committee on Federal relations.

Also—Of M. W. Birchard, and 86 others, praying that proper measures may be taken for amending our State Constitution so as to strike the word "white" out of the first clause of the second article therein. Referred to committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of George G. De Puy, and 80 other citizens of the county of St. Joseph, praying for an alteration of the present law respecting delinquent taxes. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also—Of William Laird, and 45 other citizens of St. Joseph county, praying for the passage of a law regulating fences. Referred to committee on judiciary.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Munger for the remainder of the week, and to Mr. Stillson for three days.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A "joint resolution relative to the State Library," and the same was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on Federal Relations, reported that the committee had had under consideration, the joint resolution from the Senate "instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their influence in favor of a reduction of postage," and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend the concurrence of the House therein.

The said joint resolution was thereupon read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Jones submitted the following joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to section nine, article twelve, of the constitution of this State be proposed to wit : Strike out the word "forty," and insert "fifty ;" so that said section will read,

"The seat of government for this State, shall be at Detroit, or at such other place or places, as may be prescribed by law, until the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, when it shall be permanently located by the Legislature."

Resolved, That the same be published and referred to the next legislature according to the provisions of the thirteenth article of the constitution.

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Schwarz, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for taking the census for 1845. Leave having been granted, the chair appointed Messrs. Schwarz, Harvie and Eastman to bring in said bill.

Mr. Harvie offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House, be appointed with instructions to direct the postmaster of the city of Detroit, to close the present account current with the state for the postage of mailable matter sent or received through the post office by members of the Senate and House, and open a new account, in which he will charge only the postage of matter received

by members; and further, to direct said postmaster to note in such account and return when called upon by the legislature, the amount of postage charged to each and every member separately.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The rule was suspended, and the joint resolution was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The bill to amend an act for the destruction of wolves was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The joint resolution relative to Salt Spring lands was read a third time and passed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair, upon the general order.

After some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill to amend the law in relation to crimes, had made sundry amendments thereto, and had instructed their chairman to request the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, a joint resolution relative to accounts of the postmaster of Detroit, and a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of a reduction of postage, which he was directed to report without amendment.

The House concurred in the amendment to the "bill to amend the law relating to crimes," and the same, together with the joint resolution, relative to accounts of the Post Master of Detroit, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The joint resolution from the Senate, on the subject of reducing the rates of postage, was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following message from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, Jan. 17, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, "an act to provide for the payment of officers and members of the Legislature, and for other purposes."

JOHN S. BARRY.

The following communications were announced.

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to release to D. C. Vantine and others, the right to construct a mill race or canal across certain university lands, which the Senate have adopted, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein,

TH. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to change the terms of the Court of Chancery for the first circuit, which the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the preamble and joint resolution in relation to Salt Spring lands.

Very respectfully,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution from the Senate authorizing the commissioner of the State Land Office, to re-lease to D. C. Van Tine, and others the right to construct a mill race or canal across certain University lands, and the "bill to change the terms of the court of chancery for the first circuit," were severally referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The preamble and joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas, was taken from the table.

Mr. Hill moved the following amendment to be added to the end of the first resolution, "provided, however, that the boundary line be left open to future negociation between the United States and Mexico."

The yeas and nays were called for upon the adoption of the amendment, and resulted as follows :

YEAS :

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Power,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Carter,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Magoon,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Mason,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Packer,	Wood,	
Hill,	Pease,	Wyman,	30

NAYS :

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Richman,	
Blair,	Hays,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Stone,	
Barbeau,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Davis,	Ransom,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Groves,			19

Mr. Compton moved to strike out the word "immediate" in the third line, and add the further proviso, "and also provided that the re-annexation of Texas shall not contravene the provisions of the constitution of the United States ; and provided further, it shall not tend to the extension of slavery."

Mr. Hazelton moved to postpone the preamble and joint resolution indefinitely, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The further consideration of the resolution was postponed until Tuesday next, and made the special order of the day for that day.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Saturday, January 18, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Mr. Thompson asked for and obtained leave of absence for an indefinite time for the Hon. R. D. Power.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. A. S. Johnson—Of 153 inhabitants of the county of Oakland relative to capital punishment. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MacLeod—Of Chauncy Joslin, of Washtenaw, relative to betting on elections. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Stone—Of Samuel P. Munger and 93 others, inhabitants of Monroe county praying that militia musters and company trainings may be dispensed with. Referred to the committee on the Militia.

By Mr. Compton—Of sundry inhabitants of Washtenaw county, praying for an alteration in the license law in relation to the sale of ardent spirits. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Andrews—Of sundry citizens of the township of South Haven in the county of Van Buren, for a division of said township.

Also of sundry inhabitants of the township of Decatur in the same county, for a division of that township. Severally referred to committee on Towns and Counties.

Also, of Philusia Leonard late administratrix of the estate of Joseph Simpson, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the petitioner to sell and convey certain real estate for the benefit of the heirs of the deceased. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office, to release to D. C. Vantine and others, the right to construct a mill race or canal across certain University lands, reported back the resolution, recommending its reference to the committee on Public Lands, and asked that the committee be discharged from the furrher consideration of the subject. The committee were accord-

ingly discharged and the joint resolution was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on Engrossment and Enrollment reported as correctly engrossed a "bill to amend the law in relation to crimes," and "joint resolution relative to the accounts of the Postmaster of Detroit," and the said bill and joint resolution were severally ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Stone, from the Joint committee of the two Houses to revise the joint rules, made the following report:

The Joint committee appointed to revise the *joint rules* of the two Houses of the Legislature having had the same under consideration, the Chairman of the committee on the part of the House has been ordered to report. That said committee have agreed upon the same joint rules as were adopted at the last session of the Legislature with the exception of rules 5, 8 and 9, the second of which, they recommend to be abolished, and the other two to be amended as follows:

RULE 5. In every case of a difference between the two Houses upon any subject of legislation, if either House shall request a conference and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee, such committees shall meet at such hour and place as shall be agreed on by the Chairmen, and state to each other verbally or in writing as either may choose, the reasons of their respective Houses, and confer freely thereon, and they shall be authorized to report to their respective Houses such modification as they shall think advisable.

RULE 9. Whenever there shall be an election of any officer in joint convention, the result shall be certified by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and shall be announced by the presiding officer of each House to their respective Houses, and be entered on the journals of each, and shall be communicated to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The report was accepted and referred to a committee of the Whole.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 18, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Rep-

resentatives, that Hon. William T. Howell, was on the 6th instant duly elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 18, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in the first amendment recommended by the Joint committee to revise the joint rules of the two Houses, have adopted the second amendment with an amendment thereto, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House, and have non concurred in the third amendment.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to release to D C Vantine and others the right to construct a certain mill race or canal, reported the same back to the House, and recommended its adoption. Report accepted, and the joint resolution read a first and second time, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the same committee, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioner of State Land Office, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination thereof, had instructed their chairman to introduce a bill to amend an "act to establish a Land Office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes." Approved, March 11, 1844.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Horace Steevens, relative to certain school lands in the town of Clinton, Macomb county, reported the same back to the House, advising its reference to the committee on the judiciary, and asked that the committee be discharged from the further considera-

tion of the petition. The committee were discharged and the petition referred accordingly.

Mr. MacLeod offered the following preamble and joint resolution:

Whereas, the Secretary of the Treasury has deemed it expedient to discontinue the temporary office of "General Superintendent of Lights" on the Northern Lakes; thus throwing the duties of that office upon the Collectors of Customs, within their respective districts; And whereas the two offices have no natural connection, requiring qualifications wholly different, and involving employments between which no affinity can possibly exist; And whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the State of Michigan that every thing connected with the conservation of her commerce and the safety of her citizens, should be scrupulously cherished;

Therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatiaes of the State of Michigan, That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives be requested to make use of their best efforts to secure the establishment of a permanent office of Superintendent of Lights on the Northern Lakes.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Whereupon the said preamble and resolutions were read the first and second time, and referred to committee on federal relations.

Mr. Bancroft gave notice that he will, at some future day, ask leave to bring in a bill making an appropriation of land to aid in laying out and constructing a state road, commencing in the town of Lexington, in the county of St. Clair, to Point au Barques.

Mr. Wyman gave notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to bring in a bill to provide for the printing the annual reports of certain State officers.

Mr. Roof offered the following resolution, which, on motion of the same gentleman, was laid upon the table.

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvements be, and they are hereby instructed, to bring in a bill making further appropriations of State land for grading the line of the Central Railroad, from Kalamazoo west; and an appropriation of 40,000 acres of

land for constructing a canal around the Grand Rapids of Grand River, and for the improvement of said river, and such other appropriations as the means of the State will justify.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The "bill to amend the law in relation to crimes," the "joint resolution relative to the State library," and the joint resolution relative to accounts of the postmaster of the city of Detroit," were severally read a third time and passed.

On Motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The rerolution offered by Mr. Wyman, on the 13th inst., providing for the reprint of sundry reports of State Officers, was taken from the table, and,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The same was indefinitely postponed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Stone in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that they had had under consideration the report of the joint committee on the joint rules of the two houses, which he was instructed to report back to the House without amendment.

The report being under consideration in the House, Mr. MacLeod moved that the House concur in that part of the report recommending the adoption of rule 5th as amended by the joint committee, and nonconcur in so much thereof as recommends the abolishing of rule 9th, as amended, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The following was adopted to stand as rule 10th:

Whenever there shall be an election of any officer in joint convention, or whenever said convention shall advise or consent to a nomination made to them by the Governor, the result shall be certified by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and shall be announced by the presiding officer of each house to their respective houses and be entered on the journal of each and shall be communicated to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Thompson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to in

troduce a bill for the improvement of the Northern Turnpike or Wagon Road, on or near the line of the Northern Railroad, leading from Port Huron, St. Clair county, to the waters of the Grand River.

Leave being granted, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Thompson, Hazelton, and Roof, a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The House adjourned until Monday morning next, at ten o'clock

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Monday, January 20, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum of members appeared.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hays—Of Oshea Wilson and Cornelia Wilson for a law authorizing them to sell and convey certain real estate. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of 49 inhabitants of St. Joseph county praying the Legislature to sell the public works of the State. Referred to committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wyman—Of Guy Carpenter and 25 citizens of Lenawee county accompanied with the certificates of the Superintendent and Engineer on the Southern Railroad asking relief for Mark Cannon. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Richman—Of Lovira Hart and 26 others, to take from Lapeer county the south half of town 10 north, of range 7 east and attach the same to the county of Tuscola for certain purposes therein mentioned. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of James H. Wellman and 25 others, inhabitants of St Joseph county, praying for an amendment to the law granting licenses. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Rose—Of 51 citizens of Hamtramck in the county of Wayne, praying to have miltia parades dispensed with. Referred to committee on militia.

By Mr. Hazelton—The remonstrance of the supervisors of the several townships in the county of Genesee, in their official capacity,

against any action of the Legislature in disturbing or in any way altering the present organization of said county.

Also, the preamble and joint resolutions adopted at a convention of delegates duly chosen from the townships of Davidson, Forest, Richfield and Atlas in the county of Genesee, ratified and confirmed by the signatures of all the tax payers of said townships except four, remonstrating to the same effect as in the preceding remonstrance.

Severally referred to the select committee on that subject, of which Mr. Hazelton is chairman.

REPORTS.

Mr. Mac Leod made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Sloan, praying for the passage of an act to authorize the petitioner to drain a lake on certain school lands situated in Van Buren county, beg leave to report: That after a careful examination of the facts in the case, they find that the lake referred to was excluded in the location of school lands in the county aforesaid, and consequently is still a parcel of the public lands of the United States, over which the State of Michigan can in no wise exercise the jurisdiction asked for in the prayer of the petitioner. Your committee report adversely and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of this subject.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution proposing an alteration of the constitution of this State, by which the permanent location of the seat of government should be postponed until A. D. 1857, report that no sufficient reasons were presented to your committee to warrant them in recommending the alteration proposed. They therefore report back the joint resolution without amendment and respectfully advise that the same do not pass.

The report of the committee was accepted and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution praying an amendment to the constitution of the state relative to biennial sessions of the Ldgislature, reported, that the great expenses incurred bp an annual session of the Legislature meet with no adequate return in the profits of legislation. They there-

forp report back the joint resolution and unhesitatingly recommend its passage.

Report accepted and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an "act for the destruction of wolves," also a preamble and resolution of the board of supervisors of the county of Eaton, on the same subject, reported back the bill with an amendment striking out the words "the peninsula of," so that the amended clause shall read, "in any organized township within this state," with which amendment the committee recommend the passage of the bill and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, committee discharged and the bill referred to a commi tee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod from the select joint committee on joint resolutions made the following report:

The select joint committee, appointed by the senate and house of representatives, to consult and advise on the practice of both houses in relation to joint resolutions, have instructed me to report as follows:

That, in the opinion of your committee, the 17th section of the 4th article of the state constitution that every resolution which requires the concurrence of both branches of the legislature, to render it complete must be subject to the same action as the constitution and the rules of both houses prescribe in reference to bills.

The effect of this constitutional provision upon the practice of the houses, must uecessaaily be to impede legislation and protract our sessions to an unwarrantable degree, unless some mode be devised other than what now obtains in relation to joint resolutions. Notice of intention as now prescribed by rule, in cases of bills, the delay of at least one day, the appointment of a committee to bring in the resolution, the report of that committee on a subsequent day, the reference of the resolution when introduced to a standing committee, or to the committee of the whole house, the three several readings, and the engrossment, and presentation to the executive, must all follow in the train of such a practice, as the constitution requires in regard to joint resolutions, as such forms of legislation are usually submitted to the Houses.

On the other hand, if there were no restrictions on joint resolutions

individuals would undoubtedly resort to this mode of legislating, to avoid the delay and formality which attends the passage of a bill.—And thus, legislation by bill, the safest and undoubtedly the most legitimate vehicle of legislative action, would in a short time give place to the more expeditious, but vaguer and insidious mode of legislation by joint resolution.

To avoid as far as practicable the difficulties of either mode and at the same time to adhere scrupulously to the requirements of the constitution, the committee would seriously urge that the practice of legislating by joint resolution should be confined to as narrow limits as are at all practicable; and that on all matters affecting the domestic economy of either branch of the legislature, and not necessarily of a general character, the action of both houses should be independent and complete in themselves without the concurrence of each other.

If the form of resolution be "resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives," or resolved, (the Senate concurring) or (the House concurring) as the case may be, it is evident that in either case the resolution is incoate without the concurrence of both branches of the legislature, for the branch originating the resolution by its own determination, which determination is expressed in the form which they give to the resolution, render the action of the other branch necessary in order to complete the resolution. If then by adherence to this form, we render the concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives necessary to complete the resolution, we inevitably fall under the provisions of the constitution, and however strictly domestic be the subject of the resolution, we must submit to the executive for his approval after carrying it through the formalities of a bill.

If however, in matters affecting only the economical arrangements of the legislative departments of government, we adopt a form of expression which will render the action of either branch complete in itself, we avoid the difficulty which in most instances, is of our own creation, and at the same time yield a rigid compliance with the prescript of the constitution.

To illustrate by instances, if either branch of the legislature desires to confer with the other in relation to any matter of economical policy, the originating branch may, on its own motion, and by request, make such arrangements with the other branch, as may be deemed necessary; and although, if the request be not complied

with, the arrangement must necessarily be inoperative, yet the resolution being one of mere request, is perfected by the action of either House, and does not render the concurrence of the other House necessary to its completion.

Your committee would therefore respectfully recommend that this report be adopted as the sentiment of the House, and that it be transmitted to the other House for their deliberation and action.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the joint committee.

Mr. Thompson, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a "bill for the improvement of the northern turnpike or wagon road, on or near the line of the northern Railroad, leading from Port Huron, St. Clair county, to the waters of the Grand River," which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Taylor, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a "bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer, as a part of the territory and jurisdiction thereof," which,

On motion of Mr. Hazleton.

Was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hazelton, Stone, Taylor, Vickery and Pitcher.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. MacLeod gave notice that, at an early day, he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same, for judicial purposes.

Mr. Pitcher gave notice, that he will, at some future day, introduce a bill to amend an act, approved, March 11th, 1844, amendatory of an act, approved March 8, 1843, to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes.

Mr. Hill gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate seminaries of learning.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Resolved, That the inspectors or agent of the State prison be requested to report,

1st. The length of time which the labor of the convicts are contracted for in the following branches of mechanical labor, viz: shoe making, coopering, manufacture of iron machinery, stoves and castings, wagon making, connected with blacksmithing, and at what time the said contracts will expire.

2d. If the contracts by which the labor of the convicts engaged in mechanical labor are made so that they cannot be annulled at the pleasure of the State.

3d. If the convicts in the prison cannot be employed in some branch of business other than that of the mechanical trades.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The chair announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 20, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a "bill to provide for repairing the jail in the county of Wayne," which the Senate have passed, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Sen.

The bill from the Senate "to provide for repairing the jail of the county of Wayne," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Thompson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to bring in a "bill for the improvement of Shiawassee river." Leave being granted, the chair announced Messrs. Thompson, Hazelton and Roof, as a committee to bring in said bill.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself in committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Thompson in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration,

A joint resolution authorising the commissioner of the State land office to release to D. C. Van Tine and others, the right to construct

a mill race or canal across certain University lands, which the committee had directed him to report without amendment.

Also a bill to amend an "act to establish a land office, to provide and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes," approved March 11, 1844, which he also reported without amendment.

Also,

"Joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution, postponing the permanent location of the seat of government until the year 1857," which he was directed to report with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The "bill to amend an act to establish a land office, &c.," being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The same was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. MacLeod, Groves, D. Johnson, Pratt and Bancroft.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, together with the amendment made in committee of the whole, being under consideration,

Mr. Bancroft moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The joint resolution and amendment were laid upon the table.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the President of the board of internal improvement, which,

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Was laid on the table.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE,
January 20th, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Internal Improvement be, and they are hereby instructed to inform the House, as early as it may suit their convenience, whether the iron for the Central Railroad between the villages of Marshall and Kalamazoo has been contracted

for, or any opportunity been presented for purchasing the same, and if not, whether any, and if any, what further legislation is necessary to accomplish that object."

I beg, in reply, to state: 1st. No iron for the Central railroad between the villages of Marshall and Kalamazoo has been purchased.

2d. That but one opportunity for procuring iron has presented itself, and that declined for the following reasons: The iron was of an inferior quality, had been used, was 5-8ths by 2 1-4 inches, and for which sixty-two dollars, as cash, was asked. The quantity offered was 500 tons, and would have laid about 22 miles of road. The size of the iron was deemed quite insufficient for the already large and still increasing business of the road, and the price exorbitantly high for iron of that quality. The Board have also continued to hope that the oppressive tariff upon that article would either be entirely remitted, or so much reduced as to make importation practicable, if the quality and price in this country was not satisfactory.

3d. No farther legislation is considered absolutely necessary, by the Board, to enable them to purchase. The acts of March 9th, 1844, Nos. 50 and 51, seemed to put at the disposal of the Board, all the nett proceeds of the public works which could be used for the purchase of iron, without a violation of the pledges given to our domestic and foreign creditors, under the acts of Feb. 21, and March 8th, 1843. But if the legislature know of any other means possessed by the state, which could be appropriated for the purchase of iron, it would doubtless enable the Board to contract on more advantageous terms, and greatly facilitate the negotiations for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

O. C. COMSTOCK, Jr.
Pres't. of the Board Int. Imp.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be requested to inquire whether any provision has been made to pay the usual salary to the librarian, and if not to report a bill for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, January 21, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wyman—Of James L. Fletcher, for leave to convey certain real estate: Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also, of 16 legal voters of the township of Riga, asking leave to apply a certain amount of delinquent highway taxes, to the improvement of a certain road therein named. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Vickery—Of 93 citizens of Kalamazoo county, asking the Legislature to grant to William E. Sawyer and others, authority to raise Portage lake, in the township of Charleston, in said county, from three to six feet, for the purpose of creating a water power. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Stone—Of David ——— and 13 others, for an extension of time for the collection of taxes, in the township of London. Referred to committee on the militia.

By Mr. Ransom—Of D. Spalding and 39 others, that all general musters and company trainings be dispensed with in time of peace. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also—Of H. Scott and 80 others, residents of Kalamazoo county, for an amendment of the law relating to licenses, for the sale of ardent spirits, Referred to committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, the "joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the State land office to re-lease to D. C. Vantine and others, the right to construct a mill race or canal across certain University lands."

Mr. Hays, from the committee on internal improvement, made the following report:

The committee of internal improvement to whom was referred the report of the board of internal improvement, have had under consideration that portion of it relating to the completion of the Central Rail Road, from Marshall to Kalamazoo,

Report that a majority of your committee believe that the interest of the State require the immediate completion of the Central Rail Road from Marshall to Kalamazoo: That the road is now nearly ready for the iron. Therefore, that it would be unwise for the State not to render every assistance possible for its speedy completion. A majority of your committee believe it would add to the receipts of the road over twenty-five per cent to the already flourishing condition of the road.

The committee, from information obtained from the report of the board of internal improvement, have come to the conclusion (as that report says,) that it will require twenty thousand acres of land to completely finish the road from Marshall to Kalamazoo. More directly for the purposes of building a car house at Kalamazoo, the station building at Battle Creek, Augusta and Galesburgh, the necessary side tracks, turn-rounds, and wells, the settlement of damages for right of way and payment retained per centages, at the time of reletting the work. That, as a considerable portion of the expense will be for timber, it is deemed important by a majority of your committee, that the job for said work should be let as soon as possible, as the materials for said work can be obtained at a much lower rate in the winter, than they can in the spring or summer.

The committee have instructed their chairman to report a bill to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo, which is respectfully submitted.

Whereupon the said bill was read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Hays, from the same committee to whom had been referred the petition of E. Corning & Co., for relief, touching a warrant issued for spikes for the Central Railroad, reported that the committee had had the said petition under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend that it be referred to the committee on claims, and to ask that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Report accepted, the committee discharged and the petition was thereupon referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred sundry claims of G. F. Rood & Co., for stationery furnished the state for the year 1844, reported that the committee had had the same un-

der consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, recommending that the same be allowed and paid, and that they be referred to the committee on ways and means with instructions to incorporate the same in a bill, making appropriations for the year 1845, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the said claim referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Hazleton from the select committee to whom was referred a bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer as a part of the territory and jurisdiction thereof, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and advise its reference to the committee on towns and counties, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said bill referred to the committee on towns and counties.

Mr. Thompson, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in "a bill making appropriation of land to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river," which was read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill to amend "an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes," approved March 11, 1844, reported the same back to the House with the following amendments, in which they advise the concurrence of the House, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

1st. Amend by striking out sections three and four in said bill.

2d. Amend by adding two new sections, as follows:

Sec. 8. The minimum price of the unsold, unimproved university, and state building lands shall be eight dollars per acre, and the minimum price of the unsold, unimproved school lands shall be four dollars per acre; and the comissioner may sell and dispose of such lands at the said prices respectively.

Sec. 9. That section 10 of the act to which this act is amendatory be, and the same is hereby repealed so far as precedes the proviso in said section.

Whereupon the committee were discharged from the consideration of the subject.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 21, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the joint resolution relative to accounts of the postmaster of the city of Detroit, and to inform the House that the Senate have concurred therein.

Also, to inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred in the amendments to the joint rules of the two Houses, and have appointed Senators Smith, Cust, and Thurber a committee of conference on the part of the Senate upon the disagreement, and respectfully request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Your obedient servant.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The committee of conference was ordered to consist of Messrs. Stone, MacLeod and Vickery.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

Resolved, That the Acting Commissioner on Internal Improvements be requested to report to this House as early as practicable, the amount due contractors upon the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal; and the estimated cost of locking said canal into the Clinton river at the nearest and cheapest point.

On motion of Mr. Pullen,

Resolved, That the committee on the militia be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 14th section of an act entitled an "act to amend the several acts relative to the militia," approved April 13, 1841, which provides for paying brigade and division inspectors.

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

Resolved, That henceforth, the regular meeting of this House shall be at half past nine o'clock in the morning, and that when it

adjourns, from day to day, it shall stand adjourned, to meet at the hour above mentioned.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The "joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to release to D. C. Vantine and others, the right to construct a mill-race or canal across certain University lands," was read a third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration the joint resolution to postpone the permanent location of the seat of government to the year 1857, and the question recurring upon the motion to strike out all after the enacting clause, the yeas and nays were called for, and the motion passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pease,	
Arnold,	Hays,	Pitcher,	
Bancroft,	Hazelton,	Pullen,	
Barbeau,	Hill,	Rose,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Walker,	
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Groves,	Murray,	Speaker,	30

NAYS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Steevens,	
Carter,	Packer,	Stone,	
Davis,	Pratt,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Ransom,	Thompson,	
Humphrey,	Richman,	Vickery,	
Jones,	Roof,	Wyman,	18

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The enacting clause was laid on the table.

The bill to amend the act relating to the land office coming up for consideration, and the question being upon the adoption of the amendments, reported by the select committee,

Mr. Bancroft moved to recommit the bill and amendments to the committee on public lands with instructions to restore the two sections of the bill.

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The House took up for consideration the "prermble and joint resolutions relative to the re-annexation of Texas."

The question being upon the motion of Mr. Compton, to strike out the word "immediate," in the third line, and add the following proviso:

"And also provided that the re-annexation of Texas shall not contravene the provisions of the constitution of the United States; and provided further, it shall not tend to the extension of slavery."

The yeas and nays were called for, and the motion was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Stone,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Compton,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Jones,	Richman,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr Hays,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Hill,	Roof,	
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Rose,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Carter,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker.	33

Mr. Vickery moved to amend by adding the following proviso:

"Provided, that slavery or involuntary servitude shall be forever prohibited within the limits of said Texas so annexed."

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stone,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Vickery,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Walker,	
Cook,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hazleton,	Richman,		14.

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Roof,	

Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Mason.	Shaw,
Davis,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Murray,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Packer,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pease	Williams,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Hays,		34

Mr. Hazelton moved the following proviso:

"Provided, however, that no southern State, Province, or Territory with southern interests and institutions, be annexed to these United States, until a like extent of northern territory with northern interests and institutions be added thereto." in order that an equilibrium of power be maintained. Which motion was lost.

Mr. Hill offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, a great majority of the people of this state prefer the re-annexation of Texas by having her territory divided into non-slaveholding states, but with Mr. Clay we consider the acquisition of such vast importance to the United States that no temporary institution ought to stand in the way, therefore we leave that question to be settled by the people who now or may hereafter occupy said territory.

Which resolution did not prevail.

Mr. Ransom offered the following proviso:

Provided, That as often as one of the present slave states shall become a free state, by the draining of its slaves into Texas, so often a slave state to be formed out of the Territory of Texas, so annexed, may be admitted into the Union, and not oftener.

Which was lost.

Mr. Roof offered the following amendment:

Add after the word "United States" in the resolution, the words "as a territory," which was lost.

Mr. Williams offered the following proviso:

"*Provided*, It can be done on what they should conceive to be fair and honorable terms." Lost.

Mr. Thompson moved to strike out the word "immediate," and the prefix "re," before "annexation;" which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Galloway moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Hill, relative to the boundaries of Texas, was adopted; which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Pratt offered the following preamble and joint resolutions as a substitute for those under consideration.

Whereas, The recent demonstration of public opinion, as evinced in the late presidential election, furnishes undoubted evidence that a large majority of the electors of this State and of the Union are in favor of the re-annexation of the territory of Texas to these United States, and that the expressed will of the people and Government of Texas favors such re-annexation; and

Whereas, The re-annexation of Texas to the United States would restore the integrity of the National Territory, and by advancing the commercial, manufacturing and agricultural interests, and by extending the benefit of free trade over a large and productive region of this continent, would promote the common welfare of the whole American people; therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their exertions to procure the adoption of such measures by the general government, as in their opinion shall be best calculated to effect the re-annexation of Texas to the United States.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The substitute was negatived.

The question was then put upon ordering the original resolution as amended, to be engrossed for a third reading, and the yeas and nays having been demanded, it passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Mason,	Steevens,
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Packer,	Thompson,

Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Groves,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Harvie,		31

NAYS:

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Richman,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Compton,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Cook,	Pratt,	Walker,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Wood,
Jones,		16

The question being upon the adoption of the preamble,

Mr. Jones moved to insert after the word "election," in the first line of the first "whereas," "as well by the votes cast for the Birney electors, as by the votes cast for the Polk electors in the several States of this Union."

Motion lost.

Mr. Ransom moved to strike out the first and third clause of the preamble. Lost.

The preamble was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the preamble and joint resolution relative to the re-annexation of Texas to the United States, to each one of our Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Mac Leod moved to add the following:

"And a copy of the debates on this subject uttered on the floor of this House."

The motion did not prevail.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pratt in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the bill to amend an act for the destruction of wolves, had made sundry amendments thereto, and had instructed their chairman to ask leave sit again.

Leave was ganted, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, January 22, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On calling the roll the following members were absent:

Messrs. Adams, Arnold, Davis and Ecklee.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of Albert Isabell and other citizens of Florence, in said county, praying to be annexed to the town of White Pigeon.—Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Compton—Of 84 citizens of Washtenaw county, praying an alteration of the constitution by expunging from the second article thereof, the word "white." Referred to the committee on the public lands.

By Mr. Vickery—Petition and other papers relating to the claim of school district No. 3 in the township of Kalamazoo. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Wood—Of 85 inhabitants of Washtenaw county, for an alteration of the license law in relation to the sale of intoxicating drinks. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Harvie—Of 438 citizens of the county of Wayne, for an act referring the granting of licenses to the inhabitants of the different townships. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By. Mr. Stone—The memorial of the Albany Exchange Bank relative to certain rail road stock held by that institution. Referred to the committee on ways and means. Also,

The petition of Samuel Nichols and 60 other citizens of this State, praying that the word "white" be expunged from a certain provision of the constitution. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Wyman—Of 75 citizens of Lenawee county, for an alteration of the law relative to swamps and marshes. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

Also, remonstrance of 65 citizens of Blissfield and Riga townships, against appropriating delinquent highway taxes on a certain road therein named. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hays—Of H. J, Knappen and sixty-three others, for the laying out of a State road from Battle Creek to Grand Rapids.

By D. Johnson—Of H. S. Belcher, to be allowed certain claims against the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Taylor—Of citizens of Lapeer county, for the passage of an act to re-attach certain townships to said county. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Pullen—Two, of 116 citizens of the county of Wayne, for the organization of a new county from Wayne and Monroe, and

By Mr. Munger—Of A. Fulton and 33 others, for the same object. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Harvie—Of John R. Williams and 21 others, citizens of Detroit, for the construction of a plank road on Michigan Avenue in that city. Referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs Harvie, Pratt, Hays, Vickery and Bancroft.

By Mr. Vickery—The claim of Henry Gilbert for printing. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, the "preamble and joint resolution relative to the re-annexation of Texas."

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations made the following report:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the petition of M. W. Birchard and others, citizens of Detroit, praying that the constitution of this State be amended by striking out the word "white," in the first clause of the second article therein, respectfully report that the subject matter embraced in said petition does not, in their opinion, come within the scope of their jurisdiction. They therefore report the same back to the House and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same

Report accepted, the committee discharged, and the petition referred to the committee on the judicary.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads on bridges, made the following report:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill making an appropriation of land to aid in the construction of a road upon the line of the line of the northern Railroad, have had the

same under consideration, and have instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, with amendments, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee were discharged, and the said bill was read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Geo. Davis, against the State, reported a "bill for the relief of Geo. Davis," which was read the first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The printing of the bill was dispensed with.

Mr. Stone, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a resolution of the House, relative to the payment of the assistant librarian, reported a "bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian," which was twice read and referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Vickery, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Arnold.

On motion of Mr. Stone, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Adams; and,

On motion of Mr. Wyman, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Ecklee, severally for an indefinite time.

On motion of Mr. Cartter, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Davis for two days.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that at some future day he will ask leave to bring in a "bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds, and instruments of writing under seal out of the State.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report to this house at the earliest possible period, what portion of the land appropriated in the different fractional townships in the State for school purposes under the act of Congress, of May 20, 1826, has been selected, and what portion of such land so selected, if any, as granted to fractional townships, remains unsold.

The committee are further instructed to report what legislative action, if any, is necessary to secure said land to the State.

The committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Galloway, A. S. Johnson, Blair, D. Johnson, and Bowman.

Mr. Thompson gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment, approved February 17, 1842.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expedieney of repealing sections 3 and 16 of chapter 3, title 6 and part 1st of the Revised Statutes, which requires overseers of highways to give twenty days notice to non-residents to work out their highway taxes.

Mr. Stone, from the committee of conference on the joint rules of the two Houses, made the following report:

The committee of conference touching the difference of the two Houses upon the joint rules of the legislature, have had a consultation thereon, and concluded to recommend the adoption of the joint rules of the last session, with the exception of rules five and nine, which they recommend to be adopted in an amended form, as follows:

Rule 5. In every case of a difference between the two Houses upon any subject of legislation, if either House shall request a conference and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee, such committee shall meet at such hour and place as shall be agreed on by the Chairman, and state to each other verbally or in writing as either may choose, the reasons to their respective Houses, and confer freely thereon, and they shall be authorized to report to their respective Houses such modification as they shall think advisable.

Rule 9. Whenever there shall be an election of any officer in joint convention, or whenever said convention shall advise or consent to a nomination made to them by the Governor, the result shall be certified by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and shall be announced by the presiding officer of each House to their respective houses and be entered on the journal of each and shall be communicated to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill to amend the "act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes," approved March 11, 1844, was taken from the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The engrossed preamble and joint resolutions relative to the re-annexation of Texas, coming up for a third reading,

Mr. Bancroft moved that its further consideration be postponed until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Harvie moved to amend by substituting to-morrow. Lost.

Mr. Groves then moved that the House hold a session this evening for that purpose; which amendment was accepted by the mover, and the question recurring on the original motion as amended, it was lost.

Mr. Pratt moved that the preamble and joint resolutions be referred to a select committee with instructions to report the following in lieu of the same:

Whereas, The recent demonstration of public opinion, as evinced in the late Presidential election, furnishes undoubted evidene that a large majority of the electors of this State, and of the Union, are in favor of the re-annexation of the Territory of Texas to these United States, and that the expressed will of the people and Government of Texas favors such re-annexation; and

Whereas, The re-annexation of Texas to the United States would restore the integrity of the National Territory, and by advancing the commercial, manufacturing and agricultural interests, and by extending the benefit of free trade over a large and productive region of this continent, would promote the common welfare of the whole American people; therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state Michigan, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their exertions to procure the adoption of such measures by the General Government, as in their opinion shall be best calculated to effect the re-annexation of Texas to the United States.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish a copy

of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered and resulted as follows: (Mr. Power, on motion of Mr. Mac Leod, having been excused from voting:)

YEAS:

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Richman,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Roof,
Compton,	Packer,	Stone,
Cook,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Wood,
Jones,		16

NAYS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Carter,	Mason,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stillson,
Fowler,	Munger,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hill,		31

Mr. Bancroft moved that the House take a recess until half past 2 o'clock.

Mr. Steevens moved to amend by substituting that the House do now adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The amendment did not prevail, but the original was carried.

Afternoon Session.

Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and on call of the roll a quorum appeared.

The Speaker announced the question before the House, to be on the adoption of the preamble and joint resolution relative to the reannexation of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Thursday, January 23, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment:

A quorum of members appeared.

No chaplain present.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Thompson—Of L. Castle and 30 others for a law authorizing the commissioner of highways in the township of Bennington, to make alterations in the state road in said town, leading from Byron, in Shiawassee county, to Lyons in Ionia county. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Also, of the supervisors of Shiawassee county, praying for the passage of a law making provision for the improvement of the Shiawassee river. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Munger—Of John Chamberlain and 115 others of the counties of Monroe and Wayne for the formation of a new county. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. D. Johnson—Of E. White, praying to be restored to his rights under a contract with the state for the purchase of school lands which have been forfeited by the non-payment of one instalment of interest. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Stone—Resolutions and proceedings of a public meeting in the county of Monroe, relative to the proposed formation of a new county in part from said county of Monroe. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Roof—Of Dean M. Tyler and 46 others, for the organization of a new township in Ionia. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Fowler—Claim of C. P. Bush, an Elector of President and Vice President. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Johnson—Of John A. Bacon, and 89 other citizens of the town of Henrietta, Jackson county, praying to have that portion of Henrietta, south of Portage river, attached to Leoni. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Ransom—Of 37 inhabitants of Kalamazoo county, praying for an alteration of the license law. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, January 22, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I send herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary of War, requesting this State to cede jurisdiction to the United States, over the land reserved for the site of the Detroit Arsenal, so called, at Dearbornville.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The message and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced two several messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives, a "bill to incorporate the Misses Clark's School, at Ann Arbor;" and a "bill to vacate a part of the corporate limits of the village of Niles," which the Senate have passed, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to respectfully inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in the amendments to the joint rules of the two Houses prepared by the committee of conference, and have adopted the rules as amended.

TH. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

Resolved, That the clerk of this House be directed to procure to be executed one hundred diagrams of the House of Representatives for the use of members.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the committee on claims be requested to lay a statement of the facts and circumstances which may come into their possession relative to the claim of Mark Cannon before the Attorney General, and call upon him for a written opinion whether the facts and circumstances are such as would legally entitle said Cannon to damages from an incorporated company, and the committee make the opinion of the Attorney General, a part of their report.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Walker until Monday next.

Mr. Stillson offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be instructed to furnish the committees on internal improvement and on towns and counties with maps of the state of Michigan.

Mr. Galloway moved the following amendment:

Add after towns and counties, the words "and the committee on roads and bridges," which motion prevailed, and the question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution as amended, it was lost.

On mation of Mr. Packer,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an act giving the same validity to the acts of township treasurers, in cases where they filed their official bonds with the county treasurers during the month of November, 1844, that would have been given thereto had they filed their said bonds on the first day of November, as provided by law.

Mr. Harvie in pursuance of previous notice asked for leave to introduce a "bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit."

Leave being granted, the chair appointed a select committee to consist of Messrs. Harvie, Eastman and Blair, to bring in said bill.

Mr. Hill, in pursuance to previous notice asked leave to introduce a "bill to incorporate seminaries of learning."

Leave was granted, and Messrs. Hill, Harvie, and MacLeod were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Speaker having announced as the order of business the unfin-

ished business of yesterday, viz: the preamble and joint resolution relative to the re-annexation of Texas,

Mr. Pratt moved to recommit the said preamble and joint resolution to a select committee, with instructions to strike out of the resolution the word "immediate," and prefix "re" to annexation, and add at the end of the resolution the words "at the earliest practicable period," and that the committee report forthwith.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Magoon,	Mr. Pullen,	
Mr. Barbeau,	Mason,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Mr. Richman,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Roof,	
Galloway,	Munger,	Rose,	
Hazelton,	Murray,	Stone,	
Mr. Humphrey,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Mr. Jones,	Pratt,	Wood,	24

NAYS.

Bancroft,	Hays,	Mr. Shaw,	
Blair,	Hill,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Cook,	D. Johnson,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Power,	Speaker,	
Harvie,			22

The chair announced that the select committee consisted of Messrs. Pratt, Steevens, Hazleton, Hays and Harvie.

Mr. Pratt moved to suspend the rule relating to the order requiring the House to proceed with the unfinished business.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the rule suspended by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphry,	Mr. Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Blair,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Mason,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Stillson,
Fowler,	Murray,	Stone,
Galloway,	Packer,	Taylor,
Groves,	Pease,	Thompson,

Harvie,	Power,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman.	
Hill,	Pullen,		35

NAYS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richman,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
D. Johnson,			13

Mr. MacLeod moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, that being the order of business next before the House.

Mr. Pratt moved o suspend the rule relating to this order of business also, and the question being on that motion, the yeas and nays were ordered and the same was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Stillson,	
Fowler,	Munger,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Power,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hill,			37

NAYS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Jones,	Mr Richman,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Speaker.	12

Mr Pratt, in behalf of the select committee on the preamble and joint resolution relative to the re-annexation of Texas, asked leave to report.

Leave being granted, the same were reported in conformity with the instructions of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House took up for consideration the said preamble and joint resolution, and the question having been stated by the chairman to be on its adoption,

Mr. Cook moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion was lost.

The question again recurring upon the adoption of the said preamble and joint resolution,

Mr. Eastman moved a call of the House, which was ordered.

And upon calling the roll it appeared that Messrs. Fowler and Ransom were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The preamble and joint resolutions were thereupon adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphry,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Fowler,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Power,	Speaker	
Hill,	Pratt,		37

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stone,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Ransom,	Wood.	
Hazelton,	Richman,		10

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House adjourned.

Friday, January 24, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Roof—Of 34 Indians of North Black River, praying to be admitted to all the rights of citizens, and that their property may be taxed. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hill—Of 64 citizens of Washtenaw county, for an act referring the granting of licenses to the voters of the different townships. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also of Levina Moore and others, citizens of Ann Arbor, to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Vickery—Of sundry citizens of Kalamazoo county asking the Legislature to pass an act for the relief of Gould Richardson, a purchaser of University land in said county. Referred to committee on public lands.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, made the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Chandler & Stillman, for blank receipts furnished County Treasurer of Branch County, by order of the Auditor General, respectfully report that the claim is duly certified to by C. G. Hammond, Auditor General of this State. Your committee recommend it be allowed and paid at twelve dollars. Also the claim of Harsha & Wilcox, for printing blanks for State taxes, also certified to by C. G. Hammond, Auditor General. The committee therefore recommend the same be allowed and paid by the State at sixty-six dollars and fifty cents. They therefore report back the claims and recommend they be referred to the committee of ways and means with instructions to incorporate the same in a bill making appropriations for the payment of the expenses authorized for the year 1845, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the same referred to committee of ways and means.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Guy Carpenter and others, praying for relief for Mark Cannon, reported that the committee had had the said petition and a resolution of this House, passed yesterday, under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend that they be referred to the committee on the judiciary, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Committee discharged, and the petition and resolution referred as recommended.

Mr. Eastman having reported that the "joint resolution, relative to accounts of the Post Master of the city of Detroit," is correctly enrolled, the same was thereupon presented to the Governor for his signature.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Leave of absence was granted as follows:

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

For Mr. D. Johnson, until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

For Mr. Bancroft, until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

For Mr. Mason, until Monday next.

On motion of Galloway,

For Mr. A. S. Johnson, until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

For Mr. Wood, until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

For Mr. Hays, until Wednesday next.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, January 23, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith copies of two communications from Alexander Vattemare, on the subject of an international exchange of literary productions, works of art, and specimens of natural history. The books mentioned, to have been sent for the use of the State, have not

yet come to hand. Notice of their arrival in New York was not received until after the close of navigation.

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion Mr. Stone,

The message and accompanying communication were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 23, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House, a joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas, which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The joint resolution from the Senate was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Leave was granted to Mr. Ransom to record his vote on the question of the adoption of the preamble and joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas, and

On motion of Mr. Groves,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Fowler.

And upon calling their names, Mr. Ransom voted in the negative and Mr. Fowler in the affirmative.

Mr. Thompson, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment.

Leave was accordingly granted, and Messrs. Thompson, Jones and Power were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Thompson from said select committee reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment, which was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House took up for consideration the bill to amend an act to

establish a land office; to prescribe and regulate the disposition of public lands and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844, and the question being upon striking out sections three and four agreeably to the recommendation of the select committee,

The same was carried in the affirmative, as was also the further recommendation of the same committee to add two sections to stand as sections eight and nine.

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

Section one was amended by adding the word "state" before land, in the fifth line.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

Sec. 7, was amended by inserting after the word "thereof," in the third line, the following: "Whose land has been forfeited to the State;" and in the 5th line the word "unimproved," to precede the word "University."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Section 5 was amended by adding at the end of the third line the words "his legal fees excepted."

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill as amended was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. MacLeod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the following:

1. A "bill to amend an act for the destruction of wolves."

2. A "bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road."

3. A "bill to provide for the completion of the Central Rail Road from Marshall to Kalamazoo."

Which the committee had directed him to report with sundry amendments, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also,

4. Joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to provide for biennial sessions of the Legislature.

5. The report of select joint committee on joint resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives.

6. A bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian ; and

7. A bill for the relief of George Davis, which he was directed to report without amendment.

The House took up for consideration the several bills and resolutions, reported by the committee of the whole, and disposed of the same, as follows :

The amendments made in committee of the whole, and the bill to provide for the completion of the Central Rail Road from Marshall to Kalamazoo, were severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The following substitute for section 2, was adopted :

SEC. 2. In payment of all estimates upon contracts made under this act, the Auditor General shall draw a scrip note bearing interest and payable only in lands, at the State Land Office, for internal improvement lands, whenever a sufficiont amount of said scrip, or other funds, by law, receivable for said lands shall be presented to pay for any such legal subdivision, or other fraction, as shall then be subject to sale or entry.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was then laid on the table.

The amendments of the committee, to the bill to amend an "act for the destruction of wolves," were also severally concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The word "original," was inserted in the 4th line of section 2, before the word "peninsula."

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The words " under the age of three months," in the 5th line of section 2, were stricken out.

Mr. Stone moved a substitute for section 3d, "that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 10th day of February next."

Mr. Roof moved the following substitute for the amendment, which was adopted :

That the act to which this act is amendatory be and the same is hereby continued in force (as amended by the provisions of this act) from and after the 10th day of February next, at which time this act shall take effect

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The "bill making an appropriation to aid in the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road, was on motion of Mr. Cartter laid on the table.

The report of the select committee on joint resolutions was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The joint resolution to amend the Constitution was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The bill for the relief of George Davis was amended by adding at the end of section 1, as follows:

"Which sum shall be in full payment for carpenter and joiner work done by said Davis under a contract dated December the 7th, 1839, with Thomas Clark, to build a house in the village of Ypsilanti, which house when partially completed was sold by said Clark to the State."

And the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Wyman,

The bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river was laid on the table.

The bill to provide for the paying the assistant librarian was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the judiciary, reported a preamble and bill relative to certain school lands, in the town of Clinton, Macomb county, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to incorporate seminaries of learning, which was referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Harvie from a like committee, brought in a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, which was referred to committee on banks andincorporations.

Mr. Thompson from a like committee, brought in a bill to amend an "act in relation to certain actions in ejectment—referred to committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

A reprint of the amended journal of yesterday was ordered.

Mr. MacLeod moved that when the House adjourns it shall stand adjourned to Monday morning next, at half past nine o'clock, which motion prevailed, and,

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House adjourned.

Monday, January 27, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment; and a quorum of members appearing, the journal of Friday last was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Wyman—Of 16 citizens of Lenawee county, asking an alteration in the law relative to draining swamps, marshes and other low lands. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Cartter—Of Isaac J. Grovier and 213 other inhabitants, of Macomb county, asking for an appropriation for the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal. Referred to committee on Internal Improvement.

By Mr. Roof—Of William Barlow and 43 inhabitants of Lyons, Ionia county, praying for a repeal of so much of the act concerning the Northern Wagon Road, as requires that the non-resident highway taxes, for the tract lying three miles south of said road, in Ionia county, shall be appropriated for the benefit of said road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Also—Of the Supervisor of Westphalia, Clinton county, praying to be allowed to re-assess the highway taxes of 1843, which were rejected by the Auditor General. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Schwarz—Of 103 citizens of the county of Wayne, for an alteration of the license law. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also, the claim of Nicholas Grusel, jr., for wood furnished for the use of the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By the Speaker—Of James A. Weeks and 100 others, in favor of abolishing militia musters. Referred to the committee on the militia.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Leave of absence for one day was granted on motion of Mr. Rose, to Mr. Pullen,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Steevens and Galloway.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Walker and Compton.

On motion of Mr. Bowman,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Jones, and,

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pease.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hazelton;

On motion of Mr. Cartter, to Mr. Taylor.

On motion of Mr. Stone.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested to inform this House as early as practicable, whether the Erie and Kalamazoo Rail Road company has made returns to his office, agreably to the requirement of the 4th section of the charter of said corporation.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to report to this House, forthwith, if in their power, if not, at the earliest practicable moment, what appropriations in their opinion are necessary to be made, and the amount thereof for works of internal improvement in this State during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

Resolved, That the bill appropriating thirty thousand acres of land for construeting a waggon road on the line of the Northern Railroad be referred to the committee on internal improvement, with instructions to ascertain if practicable, and report to this House whether the act approved March 9th, 1843, appropriating the highway taxes assessed upon the lands of non-residents on the line of said road, for the distance of three miles each way from the centre thereof, will not be sufficient to complete said road, without any further appropriation; if not, what further appropriation will be necessary to effect that object.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be requested to report to this House the prices paid for the several items of work on the Central Railroad between the villages of Marshall and Kalamazoo in the year 1844, also, how much, in the opinion of said Board is the difference in cost of construction to the state in consequence of making payments for said work in scrip drawn particularly for that purpose, instead of par funds.

Mr. Groves gave notice that at an early day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for improving the navigation of the Galena river, and in aid of constructing a waggon road from New Troy to New Buffalo.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The communication from Mr. Vattemare, on the subject of an international exchange of literary productions, works of art, and specimens of natural history, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. MacLeod moved that the House now adjourn, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the re-annexation of Texas, was taken from the table; and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule requiring its reference to a standing committee was suspended, and the joint resolutions were read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Harvie in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the annexation of Texas, which he was directed to report without amendment.

Mr. Pratt thereupon moved that the words "at the earliest practicable period," be added at the end of the joint resolution.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Richman,	
Bowman,	Packer,	Stone,	
Cook,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Ransom,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,	
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Fowler,	Munger,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Power,	Speaker,	
Hill,	Roof,		26

Mr. Harvie moved that the further consideration of the said joint resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pratt,	
Barbeau,	Magoon,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Richman,	
Cook,	Murray,	Schwarz,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Shaw,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Stone,	
Harvie,	Power,	Wyman,	
Hill,			21

NAYS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Stillson,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Fowler,	Roof,	Williams,	
Groves,	Rose,	Speaker,	15

Mr. Mac Leod moved an adjournment, which was lost.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed a bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian.

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to insert the Private Secretary of the Governor and the Messengers of the House.

Mr. Mac Leod again moved that the House do adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

The bill to amend an act for the destruction of wolves was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, January 28, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Groves—Of L. L. Lillibridge and 22 others, of the county of Berrien, praying for the passage of an act to attach sections 1, 2 and 3 in township 5 to township 4. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Vickery—Of sundry citizens of Kalamazoo county, praying for the passage of an act referring the license question annually to the people. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. D. Johnson—Of W. B. Buckland and others, praying for the passage of a law requiring the supervisor of the town of Onondaga, Ingham county, to levy a tax for the purchase of school libraries. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Cook—Of John K. Lothridge and 12 others, praying that the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Irving, Barry county may be extended to the first day of March next. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Stillson—Of sundry citizens of Calhoun county, asking an alteration of the license law. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, of 57 inhabitants of Calhoun county, asking the adoption of a resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives to oppose the annexation of Texas. Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Roof—Of N. M. Fitch and 168 inhabitants of Kent county, for an act referring the granting of licences to the inhabitants of the different townships. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also of Timothy Eastman and 30 inhabitants of Ottawa county, praying to be organized into a new township. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Pratt—Of 40 citizens and residents along the line of the Grand River turnpike, in the counties of Wayne and Oakland asking a modification of the charter of the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road company. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

Also, two of 67 citizens of the county of Oakland, asking an alteration of the license law for the sale of ardent spirits. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hill—Of 209 citizens of Washtenaw county, praying for a law dispensing with militia musters and company trainings. Referred to committe on militia.

By Mr. Richman—Of 150 inhabitants of Tuscola and others, for a State road leading from Tuscola settlement, on Cass river, through the public lands in that county to the town of Hampton. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Harvie—The claim of John Munroe against the state.—Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee on the militia, to whom was referred the resolution of enquiry as to the expediency of repealing the 14th section of an act entitled "an act to amend the several acts relative to the militia," approved April 13th, 1841, which provides for paying the brigade and division inspectors of the militia of this state, reported a bill relative to the militia, which was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the annual report of the State Treasurer, reported that the committee have had under consideration so much thereof, as recommend the passage of a law to provide for funding certain internal improvement fund warrants, and had instructed their chairman to re-

port a bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund.

The said bill was therefore read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian, with instructions to add the private secretary of the Governor and the messengers of this House, reported the same back to the House amended in conformity with those instructions, and the bill as amended was ordered to a 3rd reading.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, the "bill for the relief of George Davis," and the same was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims, to whom was referred sundry claims against the State, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had instructed their chairman to report in favor of the allowance of the claims of Henry Gilbert, Geo. R. Griswold, Samuel Axford, and Charles P. Bush, and recommend their reference to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the bill for the payment of the expenses authorized for the year 1845, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were discharged, and the claims referred accordingly.

REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that he would, on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. Power gave notice that he will at some future day ask leave to bring in a bill for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike.

Also, a bill to alter the law in relation to Sheriffs and their duties.

Mr. Roof gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill appropriating 35,000 acres of State lands for the construction of a canal around the Grand Rapids of Grand River, in lieu of all appropriations made for said purpose prior to 1844.

Mr. Schwarz offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on printing report, with all possible despatch, whether or not, and if any commencement, what progress, has, as yet, been made by the two translators selected by that committee to translate the Executive Message into the German and French languages; and whether, or not, it is probable that said translations will be accomplished and finished before the adjournment of the present Legislature; and also, whether, or not, it is likely that the 500 copies in French, and the 500 copies of the same ordered to be printed in German, will be printed and ready for distribution before the next annual message of the Governor may be delivered.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the special order of the day of this House, that the same will: this day week, to wit, the 4th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, M., proceed to nominate and elect, a Senator, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, to serve and represent this State in the Senate of the United States, for six years from and after the 3d day of March next, when the official term of the Hon. Augustus S. Porter will expire. And that the House shall continue to convene, from day to day, in case of no choice of a Senator should take place on the said 4th day of February next, until a choice and election is effected.

On motion of Mr. Munger,

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Internal Improvement be respectfully requested to report to this House, what officers employed on the Southern Rail Road are salaried officers, and the amount of the salary to each respective office.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing that part of section 9, of the "act to establish a board of County Auditors for Wayne county, and for other purposes," approved Feb'y 17, 1844, which is in the following words, to wit: "and in no case of appeal taken from the determination of the County Auditors of Wayne county, or of the board

of Supervisors of any county in this State, shall any cost be taxed against the county.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the Auditor General be requested to report to this House the amount of damages claimed upon unpaid instalments of the five million loan, under an act entitled "an act to provide for the adjustment of the five million loan," approved March 8, 1842, also, the number and amount of bonds belonging to the state, left in possession of the United States Bank, and for which no equivalent has been received by the state or any of her accredited agents.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Resolved, That the committee on education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending section 36 of the act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843, as relates to the number of days the township board of school inspectors are to meet in each year at the expense of the township, and that they be instructed to report at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. Groves, in pursuance to previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill for improving the navigation of the Galena River, and to aid in the construction of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo.

Leave being granted, the chair appointed Messrs. Groves, Barbeau and Ecklee, a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Groves, from said committee, brought in said bill, and the same was thereupon referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Harvie, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds out of the State. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker announced a communication from the Agent and Inspectors of the State Prison, in response to a resolution of the House on the subject of mechanical trades carried on in said Prison, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian coming up for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The title to the bill was amended by adding after "Librarian," "the private secretary of the Governor and the messengers of this House."

The said bill was thereupon read a third time and passed, as was also a "bill for the relief of George Davis."

A bill to amend an "act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes," approved March 11, 1844, being under consideration,

Mr. Cartter moved to amend section 6 by striking out the word "eight" and inserting the word 'twelve' in the second line of section six. Lost.

Mr. Cartter moved that the said word "eight" be stricken out and the word "ten" inserted. Lost.

Mr. Compton moved that section 6 be stricken out of the bill.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stone,	
Cartter,	Humphrey,	Walker,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Magoon,	Wyman,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Speaker,	
Harvie,	Schwarz,		17

NAYS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Ransom,	
Barbeau,	Menzie,	Richman,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Roof,	
Cook,	Packer,	Rose,	
Davis,	Pease,	Shaw,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Power,	Stillson,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Vickery,	
Mason,			28

On motion of Mr Vickery,

The bill was amended by adding the following at the end of section 6:

"And every person who has heretofore become a purchaser of University or primary school lands, upon which partial payment, either of principal or interest has been made, may have the right to re-

linquish a part and retain a part thereof, at the original purchase price, and have the amount paid applied in payment of that part retained, provided, the part retained shall not be more valuable than that relinquished, and further, that a less quantity than eighty acres shall not be divided."

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then went into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pratt in the chair.

When the committee rose, the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, which the committee had directed him to report to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Also, a bill for the relief of Horace Steevens, which he was directed to reported with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the amendment of the committee of the whole, to the bill for the relief of Horace Steevens, and the same was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The said joint resolution was laid on the table, and

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, January 29, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Jones—Of Ira Wood and 12 others, inhabitants of Ingham county, asking an alteration of the license laws. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 109 citizens of St. Clair county, praying that militia musters may be dispensed with. Referred to committee on the militia.

By Mr. Adams—Of James Pierpont, Colonel of the 22d Regiment of the Michigan militia, and 73 others, citizens of Branch county, for a law dispensing with militia musters and company trainings. Referred to committee on the militia.

Also—Of Abram Torrey and other inhabitants of Branch county, praying for the passage of a law referring the question of granting licenses to the several townships. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Harvie—Of Thomas C. Sheldon, for relief. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. D. Johnson—Of 280 electors of the town of Jackson, praying for alteration of the license law. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Harvie—Of A. McFarren, for the allowance of a claim against the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Schwarz—Claim of John Brown, for repairing the roof and chimney of the Capitol. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Richman—Of James G. Birney and 41 citizens of the town of Hampton, for a State road leading through the public lands from said town, to the settlement of Tuscola, on the Cass river. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Cook—Remonstrance of Eli Watson and 17 others, against the division of the township of Watson, county of Allegan. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Compton—Petition of sundry citizens of Washtenaw county, praying for a law to provide that all monies raised for township purposes, other than the ordinary expenses, be voted for by ballot at township meetings. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Schwarz—Resolutions and proceedings of a public meeting of the inhabitants of Wayne and Monroe counties relative to the formation of a new county. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to

whom was referred a bill to incorporate seminaries of learning, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and believing that all general incorporation laws are directly in contravention of the spirit, if not the letter of the constitution, and believing that every law creating a corporation should be rigidly scrutinized by the Legislature, and that not only the provisions of the law, but the character of those who apply for the incorporation, should undergo a thorough investigation, they had directed their chairman to report the said bill back to the House, and advise that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report of the committee was concurred in and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to incorporate the Misses Clarks school at Ann Arbor, reported said bill back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was thereupon read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to vacate a part of the corporate limits of the village of Niles, reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, committee discharged, and the bill read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the township of Riga, in the county of Lenawee, praying for the appropriation of the non-resident highway taxes for a term of years upon a certain road therein mentioned, reported adversely to the prayer of said petition, and asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the annual report of the State Treasurer, reported that the committee had had under consideration so much thereof as recommends the passage of a law to provide for notifying the holders of cer-

tain warrants to present them for payment, and had instructed their chairman to report a bill in relation to general fund warrants, &c.

Said bill was thereupon introduced, and read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Nicholas Greusel, jr., for wood furnished the state, reported in favor of its allowance, and recommended its reference to the committee of ways and means with instructions to place the same on the general appropriation bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the claim.

Committee discharged, and the claim referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Galloway, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, and the Speaker announced Messrs. Galloway, A. S. Johnson and Pitcher, a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Wyman, from the committeee on federal relations reported as follows:

The committee on federal relations, to whom were referred the preamble and joint resolution relative to re-establishing the office of Superintendent of Light, on the northern lakes, respectfully report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and report the same back without amendment, recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the said preamble and joint resolution, referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Vickery, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the Legislature; and Messrs. Vickery, Packer and Cartter, were appointed a committee to bring in the same.

Mr. Vickery, from the said committee, reported the said joint resolution back to the House, as follows:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That this Legislature will adjourn, *sine die,* on Wednesday, the 20th day of February next, at — o'clock, P. M.

And it was thereupon referred to the committee on federal relations.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution of this State, relative to the qualification of electors.

On motion of Mr. Rose,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Murray for the remainder of the week.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

After some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee of the whole had had under consideration, a "bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the Internal Improvement fund."

Also, a "bill relative to the Militia," which he was directed to report to the House with sundry amendments to the same respectively, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the said amendments, and the "bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund," being under consideration,

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the same by striking out the word "sinking," in the third line of section three, and insert "internal improvement," which motion prevailed.

Mr. D. Johnson moved further to amend the bill by striking out from the second and third lines of section one, the words "twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-three," and inserting "first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five," which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Section three was amended by striking out all of section three after the word "of" in the second line, and inserting "the nett proceeds of the public works of this State."

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, which motion was lost. And the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House took up for consideration a "bill relative to the militia."

Mr. Fowler moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, which motion did not prevail; and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Thompson moved that the bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river be taken from the table. Lost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Speaker announced the unfinished business of the House was upon the joint resolution from the Senate, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their influence in favor of a reduction of postage.

And the said joint resolutions were orderded to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to provide a table box for the orders of business in the House.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, January 30, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By the Speaker—Of 100 citizens of Farmington, in the county of Oakland, for an alteration of the license law; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Pease—Of H. R. Nichols and 119 other citizens of Jackson county, praying that militia musters and company parades may be dispensed with. Referred to committee on militia.

By Mr. Compton—Of sundry citizens of Washtenaw county, pray the passage of a law to prevent the destruction of deer at certain seasons of the year. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Stone—Remonstrance of James Mulhollen and 83 other inhabitants of Monroe county, against the proposed formation of a new county from parts of the counties of Wayne and Monroe. Referred to committee on division of towns and counties.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of 180 inhabitants of the county of Genesee, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Flint river. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Pratt—Of sundry citizens of the county of Oakland, asking the Legislature to amend section two, of an act authorizing the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, approved March 8, 1843. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 76 inhabitants of the county of Shiawassee, asking an appropriation of land in aid of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road.

Also—Of 50 citizens of Shiawassee county, for an appropriation of lands for the improvement of the Shiawassee river. Severally referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Also—Of 24 inhabitants of Shiawassee county, for an alteration in the license law. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Hays—Of William H. Ker and Rachel Ryon, for a law to change the name of John H. Ryon. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 149 citizens of the town of Clyde, in St. Clair county, for an appropriation of lands toward constructing a turnpike, on or near the line of the Northern Rail Road.

Which said petition was, at the request of Mr. Bancroft, laid upon the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, have had the same under consideration; and, although your committee, so far as they have been able to judge of the operations of said Association, have been induced to believe that it is beneficial to its members and conducive to the happiness of others; yet, as its operations, from the very nature of the Association, cannot be open to the inspection of the people, your committee have instructed me, as their chairman, to report the bill back to the House, and advise that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged, and said bill was thereupon read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on the judiciary reported as follows:

The judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to alter the time of holding the Court of Chancery in the first circuit, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, made the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Mars, with accompanying documents, relating to the claim of school district No. 3, in the town of Kalamazoo, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me as their chairman to report the same back to this House, and recommend the passage of a law for general relief in the premises. And your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee discharged accordingly, and the report laid on the table.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Alexander McFarren, for stationery furnished Auditor General's office for the year 1844, reported in favor of allowing said claim at the sum of twenty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, and recommend the reference of the same to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to place the same on the general appropriation bill, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were discharged, and the claim referred accordingly.

Mr. Roof, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for the current expenses of the year 1845.

And the same was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to

take the acknowledgement of deeds out of the state, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Whereupon the said bill was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to amend an act to establish a land office; to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844.

2nd. A bill relative to the millitia.

3rd. A bill for the relief of Horace Steevens.

4th. A bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund.

Mr. Hays, from the commmittee on internal improvement, made the following report:

The committee of internal improvement, to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Internal Improvement, have had under consideration so much thereof as recommends the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh railroad, as a branch of the southern railroad, have instructed me to report a bill for that purpose, and recommend its passage.

Your committee fully concur with the views of the Board of Internal Improvement on this subject, as expressed in their recent report. The smallness of the expenditure required for the completion of said branch, as compared with the increased business, and receipts which it will secure for the Southern Railroad, gives the work, in the opinion of your committee peculiur and pressing claims for the favorable consideration of the legislature, at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the said bill entitled a bill to provide for the connection of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad as a branch of the Southern Railroad was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Stillson, from the committee on towns and counties, to whom was referred the petition of 75 citizens of Lenawee county, asking an alteration in the law relative to swamps and marshes, reported the same back to the House and recommended its reference to the judiciary committee.

The report of the committee was accepted and the petition referred accordingly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, it appears that the National Flag appropriated to the use of the Capitol, is very much torn and nearly worn out, therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be directed to have the same repaired if practicable, and in case the said flag cannot be repaired, that said committee be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase a new flag of suitable size and dimensions, to be used and hoisted as heretofore in front of the Capitol during the hours of session of both branches of the Legislature.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted :

Whereas, It is the object of all laws of a protective character to afford an equal protection to every branch of trade and industry,

And Whereas, The construction given to the revenue laws of the United States, permits steamboats navigating the inland waters of the United States bordering on foreign territory to procure their supply of wood and fuel in Canadian ports free of duty,

And Whereas, The privilege thus conferred and used, has become the subject of very just complaint, and prejudicial to the interests of a portion of the people of this State, therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their best efforts to obtain the passage of an act prohibiting steamboats and other vessels navigating the inland waters of the United States from procuing their supplies of wood in ports other than those of the United States without the payment of the rate of duty prescribed by law.

Mr. Walker, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution proposing to amend the constitution in regard to the qualifications of electors, and the chair announced Messrs. Walker, Magoon and Cartter, a committee to bring in the same.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The joint resolution from the Senate instructing our Senators and

requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of a reduction of postage," being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

It was ordered that the same be re-committed to the committee on federal relations, with instructions to add the following proviso: "Provided, that the present mail facilities enjoyed by the new States be not thereby abridged."

The "bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund," coming up for a third reading, and the question being upon the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Rose,
Blair,	Humphry,	Schwarz,
Compton,	A. S. Johnson,	Stillson,
Eastman,	Pease,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Thompson,
Fowler,	Pullen,	Walker,
Galloway,	Ransom,	Wood.
Harvie,	Roof,	Wyman,
Hays,		25

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Jones,	Shaw,
Barbeau,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Taylor,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Cook,	Munger,	Williams,
Davis,	Packer,	Speaker
Groves,	Power,	
Hill,	Pratt,	26

The bill to amend an "act to establish a land office—to provide and to regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes," having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Harvie moved to re-commit the bill to the committee on public lands with instructions to strike out the words, "in each year," in the 5th line of the 2d section, and insert, "next ensuing the 1st March, when said principal and interest become due, according to the provisions of the act, to which this act is amendatory."

Also, to amend the 5th section so that it will define more accurately the powers contemplated in said section.

Also to strike out the sixth and seventh sections, together with the amendment to the sixth section.

Also to restore sections three and four of the original bill.

Mr. Pratt requested that the propositions to amend be passed upon separately.

And the question having been announced to be on the recommitment of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Stone,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Walker,	
Carter,	Jones,	Williams,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker,	
Hill,			19

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Roof,	
Barbeau,	MacLeod,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Packer,	Shaw,	
Davis,	Pease,	Steevens,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Stillson,	
Galloway,	Power,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Hays,	Ransom,	Vickery,	
Hazelton,			31

The question then recurring on the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	A. S. Jonhson,	Richman,	
Barbeau,	Mason,	Roof,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Rose,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Munger,	Shaw,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Fowler,	Pease,	Stillson,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Power,	Thompson,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Vickery,	33

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphry,	Mr. Walker,

Blair,	D. Johnson,	Williams,
Carter,	Jones,	Wood,
Compton,	Magoon,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hill,	Stone,	17

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Pratt in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee of the whole had had under consideration a "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock or bonds."

Also, a bill to vacate a part of the corporate limits of the village of Niles, which he was directed to report severally to the House, without amendment.

Also, a bill to change the terms of the Court of Chancery, for the first circuit, which he was directed to report with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Misses Clark's school at Ann Arbor in which the committee had made some progress, and had directed their chairman to ask for leave to sit again.

Leave was accordingly granted by the House.

The bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House concurred in the amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill to change the terms of the Court of Chancery for the first circuit, the same together with the bill to vacate a part of the corporate limits of the village of Niles, were severally ordered to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following communication was announced:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 30, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill to provide for paying the assistant librarian, the private secretary of the Governor, and the messengers of the House of Representatives, which the Senate have passed with certain amend-

ments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the preamble and joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas, and inform the House that they have concurred in the resolution, and have non-concurred in the preamble and have made an amendment to the title, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The question being upon concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the "joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas," and the "bill to provide for paying the librarian, private secretary of the Governor, and the messengers of this House; the same were severally concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adjourned.

Friday, January 31, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll of members it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Vickery—Of 181 citizens of Kalamazoo, praying the Legislature to repeal the charter of the village of Kalamazoo. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Adams—Of D. Wilson and 60 others, citizens of the township of Bronson, Branch county, for a division of said township. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. A. S. Johnson—Of 171 inhabitants of the townships of Independence and Springfield, Oakland county, for an alteration of the present location of the Pontiac and Grand River road. Referred to

a select committee, consisting of Messrs. A. S. Johnson, Thompson, Roof, Stillson and Richman.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of 38 inhabitants of the townships of Gaine, and Flushing, praying that a part of Flushing may be attached to the township of Gaine. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Stone—Memorial of Stephen J. Moore, relative to a right of pre-emption in certain school lands. Referred to committee on public lands.

Also—The remonstrance of C. J. Ladd and 50 others, against the formation of a new county from parts of Monroe and Wayne. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Roof—Of L. B. Barnum and 70 inhabitants of the town of Portland, Ionia county, for a law to re-assess the taxes of 1843, which were rejected by the Auditor General. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also—Of Samnel Day and others, for setting off a part of the town of Keene to the town of Boston, in Ionia county.

Also—Of Timothy White and others, for the same object. Severally referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Thompson—Two, of 86 electors of Shiawassee county, for an appropriation of land for the improvement of the Shiawassee river. Referred to committee on Internal Improvement.

By Mr. Eastman—Of 372 inhabitants of the county of Lenawee, for a law leaving the subject of granting licenses to sell intoxicating drinks to be determined yearly by the people, at their annual town and corporation elections. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Cook—Of E. G. Bingham and 193 others, for the repeal of the law for appropriating certain highway taxes for the construction of a road from Allegan to Granville. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Taylor—Two, of 79 tax payers of Bristol, Lapeer county, for an alteration of the tax law. Refered to committee on the judiciary.

Also, of A. H. Bushnell and 28 others, that certain towns be reattached to the county of Lapeer. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred a joint resolution relative to the reduction of postage, with instructions to add a proviso, reported the same back to the House amended in conformity with such instructions, and the said amendment was referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to legalize the acts of certain township treasurers, and said bill was read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill making an appropriation on the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, and the same was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Power,

The vote upon the question of the passage of the bill to provide for funding certain warrants upon the internal improvement fund rejecting said bill was reconsidered, and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Packer,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a law to render valid and effectual conveyances by *femes covert*, defective on account of the acknowledgement thereof not stating the same to be executed without fear or compulsion of any one, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Williams until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill to provide for completing the Central Railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo, was taken from the table and placed in its order for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr Cook gave notice that he will, at some future day ask leave to bring in a bill for the improvement of the Kalamazoo river.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The Senate bill to vacate a part of the corporate limits of the village of Niles, coming up for a third reading,

Mr. Roof moved to lay the bill on the table, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Eastman moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, which was also lost.

And the question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Rose,
Barbeau,	Jones,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Steevens,
Compton,	Menzie,	Stillson,
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,
Eckles,	Packer,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pease,	Vickery,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Walker,
Hays,	Power,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Hill,	Pullen,	41

NAYS.

Mr. Eastman,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Stone,
Fowler,	Roof,	Wyman,
Harvie,		7

The Senate bill to change the terms of the Court of Chancery for the first circuit, was read a third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Cartter in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee had had under consideration the following bills, viz:

A bill to incorporate the Misses Clark's School at Ann Arbor;

A bill to provide for the connection of the Palmyra and Jacksonburg railroad as a branch of the Southern railroad; and

A preamble and joint resolution relative to the establishment of an office of Superintendant of lights on the northern lakes.

Which he was directed to report severally without amendment.

Also a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellow's Hall Association of the city of Detroit;

A bill to provide for the current expenses of the State for the year 1845, and for other purposes; and

A joint resolution relative to the reduction of postage,

Which he was directed to report severally with amendments and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the amendments made to the several bills in committee of the whole, and the bills reported by the committee, were disposed of in the House as follows:

The bill to incorporate the Misses Clarks' school, at Ann Arbor;

The bill to provide for the current expenses of the State, for the year 1845, and for other purposes; and

The bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, were respectively laid upon the table.

The joint resolution relative to a reduction of postage, was read a third time and passed.

The preamble and joint resolution relative to the establishment of an office of Superintendent of Lights on the North-western Lakes was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question having been announced to be upon ordering the bill to provide for the connection of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Rail Road, as a branch of the Southern railroad to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Ecklee moved to lay the bill upon the table, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out the third section of the bill, and on this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Jones moved that the House do now adjourn. Lost.

The chair having stated the question,

Mr. Hazelton moved an adjournment, which was lost.

Mr. Hazelton moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost.

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr. Pratt, to strike out the 3rd section of the bill, the same was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Packer,	Mr. Roof,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Taylor,	
A. S. Johnsonn,	Richman,	Speaker,	9

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Hill,	Rose,	
Barbeau,	Humphrey,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Fowler,	Power,	Wyman,	
Groves,			40

Mr. Pratt moved that the House adjourn; this motion did not prevail; and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 1, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment:

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By. Mr. Adams—Of Hiram Guardner and 38 others, citizens of the township of Mattison, Branch county for the repeal of a law approved March 6, 1844, in relation to the appropriation of certain highway taxes on the state road, leading from Coldwater to Centreville. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Galloway—Of Edward Martin, as administrator, for the privilege to sell certain real estate therein mentioned. Referred to committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Eastman—Of 54 inhabitants of the township of Dover, in the county of Lenawee, relative to township libraries. Referred to committee on the education.

By Mr. Packer—Eutychus Champlin and 36 others, residents of Hillsdale county, for an alteration of the license law. Referred to committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of George W. Fish and 55 others, citizens of Genessee county, for an act referring the granting of licenses to the voters of the different townships. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Vickery—Of Olive Colt, praying legislative action for her relief. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Davis—The claim of G. W. Knapp. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Cook—Remonstrance against repealing an act to provide for the construction and improvement of the road from Allegan to Grandville. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Oakland, for the amendment of an act authorizing the keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, approved January 26, 1844, reported in conformity with the prayer of the petition, a bill to amend an act for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, approved January 26, 1844;

Which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Ionia, for an amendment to an act authorizing the construction of a waggon road on the line of the Northern Railroad, reported in conformity thereto a bill to amend an act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad.

And the said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee to whom was referred a "bill making an appropriation on the Pontiac and Shiawassee Road, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage. Whereupon the bill was read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, a "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants, and delinquent tax stock or bonds," a "bill to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh rail-road, as a branch of the Southern rail-road," and a "bill to provide for the completion of the Central rail-road, from Marshall to Kalamazoo."

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, have had under consideration the memorial of Thomas C. Sheldon, praying to be released from a judgment of $3,472 50, damages and costs of suit, obtained against the memorialist by the State Bank of Michigan, and transferred by said bank to the State of Michigan.

Your committee find in the investigation of the subject, that they will be obliged to submit the allegations of the memorialist to a more minute and laborious examination than they first supposed.

The large amount of the judgment, however, and the apparent equity of the prayer of the memorial, are, in the opinion of the committee, sufficient reason to warrant them in asking an extension of time and power to send for persons and papers. They therefore respectfully ask leave to continue their investigation of the subject, and advise the passage of the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be authorized and directed to continue their investigation of the case of the State Bank of Michigan against Thomas C. Sheldon, and that they be, and hereby are authorized to send for persons and papers.

The House, on motion, adopted the resolution.

MESSAGES, ETC.

The Chair announced the following messages from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, February 1, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a copy of a communication from the Quartermaster General, recommending that provision be made for a safer and more convenient depository of the public arms. The subject commends itself to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

JNO. S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, January 31, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

In compliance with the request contained in the resolution of the 27th inst., I herewith send for the use of the House, a copy of the last report of the Erie and Kalamazoo Rail Road Company.

JOHN S. BARRY.

Also, the following communication from the Auditor General:

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Detroit, January 30, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Herewith I have the honor to transmit a reply to a resolution of the House, of the 28th instant.

Most respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
C. G. HAMMOND,
Auditor General.

And the following communication from the Secretary of State:

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
January 31, 1845.

To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I have the honor to transmit to the Legislature, an abstract of the reports of the Superintendents of the Poor, of the several counties of the State, so far as they have been received at this office.

Most respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
R. P. ELDREDGE,
Secretary of State.

Also, two several communications from the Board of Internal Improvement, responsive to resolutions of this House.

All of which communications were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Power, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike, whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Power, Roof and Hazelton a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Compton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be instructed forthwith to furnish the chairmen of the committees on the organization of townships and counties, and on roads and bridges, respectively, with maps of the State of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pratt, until Tuesday next, and,

On motion of Mr. Groves,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Hill, until Monday next.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS.

The bill to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad, as the branch of the Southern Railroad, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Bancroft moved that the bill be committed to a select committee to report whether, in the opinion of said committee the state has any title to the said railroad, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Cartter moved that said bill be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, which motion was also lost.

And the question recurring on the passage of the bill, it was carried in the affirmative.

The bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants, and delinquent tax stock or bonds, having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	Hays,	Ransom,	
Barbeau,	Hazelton,	Richman,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Roof,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Carter,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Power,	Wyman,	39

NAYS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Vickery,	
Groves,	Steevens,	Speaker,	
Jones,			7

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

When the committee rose, the chairman reported, in his place, that the committee had had under consideration,

1. A bill to legalize the acts of certain township treasurers.

2. A bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to take acknowledgement of deeds, and instruments of writing, under seal out of this state, which the committee had directed their chairman to report to the House without amendment.

The said bills so reported were thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Power,

The rule was suspended, and

Mr. Power, from the committee appointed for that purpose brought in a bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River Turnpike, and the said bill was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 3, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

And was called to order by the Speaker,

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the Speaker—Of Joseph G. Farr and 75 others, citizens of Commerce, Oakland county, to amend the constitution by striking out the word white. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Roof—Of John C. Blanchard, and four hundred inhabitants of Ionia county, for an appropriation for the improvement of Grand River, from Jacksonburgh to the head of steamboat navigation. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Andrews—Of Fabius Miles, for the privilege of constructing a dam across the Paw Paw river in the county of Van Buren. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Pratt—Of 45 citizens of the county of Oakland, for the amendment of an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road. Laid on the table.

Also, the claim of John Webster. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Bancroft—Two of 101 citizens of the county of St. Clair for an appropriation of land to aid in the completion of the Northern turnpike, which,

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Was laid upon the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, reported the same with an amendment, which was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to legalize the acts of certain township treasurers.

A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take acknowledgement of deeds, and instruments of writing, under seal out of this state.

Also, a preamble and joint resolution relative to the establishment of an office of Superintendent of Lights on the Northwestern lakes.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled, the joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas, and the act to provide for paying the assistant librarian, the private secretary of the Governor, and the messengers of both houses of the legislature, and the same were severally presented to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill making an appropriation on the Detroit and Grand River turnpike, reported the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Committee discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Schwarz, from the select committee appointed for that purpose brought in a bill to provide for taking the census for the year 1845, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Walker, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hazelton gave notice that on to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section 67, chapter 3, title 3, part 1st, of the revised statutes, prescribing the duty of county surveyors.

On motion of Mr. Adams,

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Stone and Mason until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the House of Representatives, for the use of the committee on the judiciary, a copy of the last census of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be re-

quested to enquire into the expediency of appropriating ten thousand acres of land to aid in the construction of a turnpike road through the Cotton Wood Swamp, in the counties of Monroe and Lenawee, and report by bill or otherwise.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The preamble and joint resolution relative to the establishment of an office of Superintendent of Lights on the Northern Lakes, and a bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to take acknowledgement of deeds and instruments of writing under seal out of this State, were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill to legalize the acts of certain township treasurers, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The said bill was indefinitely postponed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. D. Johnson in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration,

House bill No. 21, to amend an "act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the northern Railroad."

House bill No. 22, to amend an "act to amend an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes," approved January 26th, 1844, which he was directed to report to the House, without amendment.

Also, a joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, which he was directed to report, with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the amendment reported by the committee and the question being upon ordering said House bill No. 21 to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Cartter moved to lay said bill upon the table, which motion did not prevail,

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question having been announced to be upon ordering House bill No. 22, to be engrossed for a third reading;

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The said bill was amended by adding at the end of the first section the following, "to the house of Benjamin Ellwood," and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hazelton moved that the joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The said joint resolution was then laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill for the relief of Horace Steevens was taken from the table, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Pullen moved to recommit the bill to the committee on public lands, with instructions to strike out of section one the words "minimum price," which was lost.

Mr. Pratt asked the unanimous consent of the House to propose he following amendment, viz: add at the end of section one "the said land to be surveyed under the direction of the Commissioner, and the expense thereof to be paid by the said Steevens," which was granted, and the amendment prevailed.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Barbeau,	Groves,	Power,	
Cartter,	Hays,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Hazelton,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	A. S. Johnson,	Wyman,	
Fowler,	MacLeod,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Roof,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Rose,	
Compton,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Packer,	Shaw,	
Davis,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,	Walker,	
D. Johnson,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Jones,	Richman,		26

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 3, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock, or bonds," which the Senate have passed with an amendment thereto, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House non-concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock, or bonds."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The vote upon the question of the final passage of the "bill for the relief of Horace Steevens," was reconsidered, and the said bill was laid upon the table; and

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 4, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment;

And was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Andrews—Of Elisha S. Cox and 16 others, for a division of the township of Waverly, in the county of Van Buren. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Carter—Two of L. K. Madison, M. Holmes, and 204

others, relative to a road from Utica to Detroit. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Taylor—Two of citizens of Lapeer county, praying for an alteration of the tax law. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Roof—Of Charles Ingalls and eighty inhabitants of Ionia county, for an appropriation for the improvement of Grand River, from Jacksonburgh to the head of steamboat navigation. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 296 inhabitants of Michigan, that the word "white" may be expunged from the first clause of article 2nd of the constitution of this state. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, of 36 inhabitants of Shiawassee county, for an appropriation on the Shiawassee river. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Colt, praying relief in the purchase of certain public lands, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and that a majority of said committee had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and respectfully advise that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to amend an "act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road," and the bill to amend an act entiled an "act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes," approved January 26, 1844.

Mr. Hazelton in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a "bill to amend section 67, chapter 3, title 3, of part 1st, of the revised statutes, prescribing the duty of county surveyors."

And the chair appointed Messrs. Hazelton Root and Williams a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Cook in pursuance to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a "bill making an appropriation for the improvement of

the Kalamazoo river," and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Cook, Munger and Bowman a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Power,

The bill to incorporate the Misses Clark's school, at Ann Arbor, was taken from the table and placed in the order of business.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of John Webster, reported the same back to the House, recommending the allowance of the same at $27,38, and ask that the said claim be referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill.

Report accepted, and the claim referred accordingly.

Mr. Mac Leod, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same, for judicial purposes, and the chair having announced Messrs. Mac Leod, Barbeau and D. Johnson, a committee to bring in said bill,

Mr. Mac Leod, from the said committee reported the same to the House, where it was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending section 44, of an "act relative to common and primary schools," approved March 7, 1843, relative to the one mill tax, hereafter to be raised for township libraries and school purposes.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the tax law of this State, as to exclude lambs, under a year old from taxation.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that he would, to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Oliver Colt.

Mr. Pratt gave notice, that on some future day, he shall ask leave to introduce a joint resolution authorizing the Governor of this State to receive written propositions from any individual, company or companies, for the purchase of all the public works of this State; and

that he communicate the same to the Legislature of this State, at their next session.

Also, that on some future day, he should ask leave to introduce a bill or joint resolution, authorizing the Governor to appoint one or more commissioners, to locate any lands that may hereafter be granted to this State by the general government, for works of internal improvement or any other purpose.

Mr. Hazelton gave notice, that on to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to vacate a part of the village plat of the village of Flint.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The "joint resolution relative to the claim of school district No. 3, in the township of Kalamazoo," was taken from the table and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, February 3, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, "an act to provide for paying the assistant librarian, the private Secretary of the Governor, and the messengers of the two Houses of the Legislature."

Also, a "joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas."

JNO. S. BARRY.

And the following from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 4, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in the amendment to the "joint resolution relative to reduction of postage."

Also, to transmit a "joint resolution relative to steamboats on the lakes in connection with the railroads of this State," which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A bill to amend "an act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad," was read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled "an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road and for other purposes," approved January 26, 1844, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

It was laid on the table.

The bill from the Senate, to incorporate the Misses Clarks school at Ann Arbor, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Hill,	Richman,
Arnold,	Humphry,	Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Mason,	Stillson,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Packer,	Thompson,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Walker,
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Galloway,	Power,	Wood,
Groves,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Harvie,	Pullen,	47

NAYS.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Menzie,	Mr. Wyman,
Hays,	Vickery,	5

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having under consideration the bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock or bonds.

Mr. Pratt moved that the House insist upon the non-concurrence in the amendment of the Senate to said bill, which was carried.

Whereupon the chair announced Messrs. Pratt and MacLeod a

committee of conferrence on the part of the House in relation thereto.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Stone in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee had had under consideration a joint resolution relative to the claim of school district No. 3 in the township of Kalamazoo.

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike;

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road; all of which he was directed to report without amendment.

Also, a bill to incorporate seminaries of learning, which the committee had amended by striking out of the same all after the enacting clause, and in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

The House concurred with the committee of the whole, and

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

The enacting clause was laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of school district number 3 in the township of Kalamazoo, was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading;

And the question recurring upon a similar disposal of House bill number 23,

Mr. Pratt offered the following substitute for section two, which was adopted:

"In payment of all estimates upon contracts made under the provisions of this act, the Auditor General shall draw a scrip on the state land office, not bearing interest, and payable in land only; which said scrip shall be receivable by the Commissioner of the Land Office in payment of any of the aforesaid internal improvement lands, subject to sale, whenever any sufficient amount of such scrip or other funds receivable by law for said lands, shall be presented in payment for any legal subdivision or fraction of said lands."

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill and amendment was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

House bill No. 24, was laid on the table.

The joint resolution from the Senate was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House then took a recess untill twelve o'clock.

When the House was again called to order by the Speaker, and a quorum of members appeared.

The Speaker announced as the special order, the resolution of the 24th ult., prescribing this day at 12 o'clock, at noon, for the choice of a Senator to represent this state in the Senate of the United States for six years, from and after the 4th day of March next, when the official term of the Hon. Augustus S. Porter will expire.

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, when every member answered to his name except Mr. Murray, absent on leave.

Upon the annunciation of the special order, each member of the House, as his name was called, rose in his place and openly nominated as follows:

For Lewis Cass.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	Humphrey	Rose,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,	
Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Groves,	Power,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Hays,	Pullen,		44

For Hezekiah G. Wells.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Richman,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Ransom,		8

The Speaker thereupon announced that Lewis Cass was duly nominated on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

A committee of two was appointed to inform the Senate that the

House were ready to meet them in joint convention, and compare their respective nominations; whereupon, the chair appointed Messrs. Mac Leod and Vickery as such committee, who shortly after reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Messrs Thurber and Smith were announced as a similar committee from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate were prepared to meet the House in the Hall of the House of Representatives to compare their several nominations.

The Honorable, the Senate were announced and conducted to their seats.

THE JOINT CONVENTION

Was called to order by the President of the Senate, and the rolls of the two Houses were called, when the following Senators and Representatives answered to their names.

SENATORS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Howell,	Mr. Richmond,
Chipman,	Littlejohn,	Smith,
Cust,	Mason,	Thurber,
Denton,	Niles,	Turner,
Hale,	Patterson,	Videto,
Hart,	Pratt,	Williams.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Hill,	Richman,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Jonhson,	Rose,
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Jones,	Shaw,
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Cook,	Menzie,	Taylor,
Davis,	Munger,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Packer,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Walker,
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Galloway,	Power,	Wood,
Groves,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker.
Hays,		

The President of the Senate announced Lewis Cass as having been duly nominated on the part of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives having announced the nomination of the same gentleman on the part of the House,

On motion of Senator Richmond,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, in joint convention, That Lewis Cass be, and is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Senator, to represent this State in Congress for the term of six years, commencing on the 4th day of March next.

On motion of Senator Patterson,

The joint convention adjourned.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.
EZRA WILLIAMS,
Clerk of House of Representatives.

The Speaker then called the House of Representatives to order, and,

On motion of Mr. Hays,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 5, 1845.

House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum appeared, and the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By the Speaker—Of G. W. Williams, and 150 other citizens of Oakland county, against the alteration in the State road from Philips to Fentonville. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Compton—Of David Hardy, C. Joslin, and 90 others, in relation to damage by a mill-pond. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Wyman—Of 62 citizens of Lenawee county, for an alteration of the law in relation to highways. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 122 citizens of St. Clair county, for the

passage of a law relative to the taking of fish in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. Read and laid upon the table.

By Mr. Roof—Of Lucius Patterson, and other inhabitants of the town of Otisco, Ionia county, relative to a certain school section in said town. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Power—Of Isaiah J. Hudson, a purchaser of primary school lands, for relief, &c. Referred,

On motion of Mr. Power,

To a select committee consisting of Messrs. Power, Hazleton, Groves, Galloway and Schwarz.

By Mr. Eastman—Affidavit and petition of Samuel E. Peters and others for an act authorizing said Peters to redeem certain lands bid off by the State for taxes. Referred to committee on judiciary.

By Mr. Hays—Of John Monroe, praying that the Board of State Auditors may be authorized to settle with him for a claim against the State. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Andrews—Remonstrance of W. H. H. Myers and 20 others, against a division of the township of Waverly, in the county of Van Buren. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

REPORTS.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred the petition of Mark Cannon, praying for relief; and also a resolution of instruction on the same subject, beg leave to report that the subject is properly referable to the committee on claims. They therefore advise the reference of the petition to that committee, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the subject referred accordingly.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed the joint resolution relative to school district No. 3, in the township of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Hazelton, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to amend sec 67, chapter 3, title 3 of part 1st of the Revised Statutes, and the said bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hazelton, in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to vacate a part of the village of Flint, and the chairman appointed Messrs. Hazelton, Williams and Harvie a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Vickery, in pursuance to previous notice asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Oliver Colt, and the chairman appointed Messrs. Vickery, Arnold and Wyman a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Vickery, from said committee brought in said bill, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Compton, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary, and the chair appointed Messrs. Compton, Walker and Wood a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Compton, from the same committee brought in the said bill which was thereupon referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced two several messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 5, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 5, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a joint resolution relative to the tariff on wood, which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The "joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on claims.

The "joint resolution relative to the tariff on wood," was read the first and second times, and,

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rule requiring its reference to a standing committee of the House was suspended, and the same was referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rule was suspended, the committee of the whole discharged from the consideration of the said joint resolution, and the same was placed in the order of business before the House.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The "bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund," was taken from the table and referred to a select committee with instructions to amend section four by inserting after the word "principal" in the fourth line, the following: "so far only as to make, in round numbers, the sum for which the bonds shall be issued according to the provisions of section two of this act."

The committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Harvie, Pratt, Stone, Eastman and Blair.

Mr. Pratt called for the reading of the communication of the Quarter Master General, and,

On motion of that gentleman,

It was referred to the committee on the militia.

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

To Mr. Ecklee for one day, and to Mr. Humphrey for one week.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

To Mr. Packer for one week, and,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

To Mr. Murray for an indefinite time.

Mr. Bancroft gave notice that he would, hereafter, ask leave to introduce a bill to regulate fishing in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.

Mr. Pullen offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the election of three township auditors in the several townships.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Wyman gave notice, that on to-morrow, he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an "act authorizing Wm. W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate," approved February 22, 1843.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

House bill No. 10 and 22, and

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

House bill No. 17, were severally taken from the table and placed on the order of business.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The "joint resolution relative to school district No. 3, in the township of Kalamazoo;"

The "bill to amend an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes," approved January 26th, 1844;" and

The bill for the relief of Horace Steevens were severally read a third time and passed.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committtee to whom was referred the bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund, with instructions, reported the same back to the House amended in conformity with said instructions, and the question being upon the passage of the bill,

Mr. Pratt asked the unanimous consent of the House to offer the following amendment to section 2 of said bill, viz:

Strike out "one hundred," in the 6th line of said section, and insert "fifty," which motion prevailed.

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Roof,
Bancroft,	Hazleton,	Rose,
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stone,

Carter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Fowler,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Speaker.	33

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Jones,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Menzie,	
Barbeau,	A. S. Jonhson,	Vickery,	
Cook,	D. Johnson,		11

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit," was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question being upon ordering to a third reading the bill to provide for the current expenses of the year 1845,

Mr. Pitcher moved to strike out the word "five" in the 14th line of section 1, and insert "four," which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The same section was amended by inserting at the end thereof the words "for the engraving for the final report of the State Geologist, dollars."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Section 2 was amended by inserting after the word "cents" the following: "To Augustine W. Hovey, clerk pro tem. of the House dollars."

The bill as amended was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and,

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 6, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

And was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pratt—Of Melvin Drake and 50 others, citizens of the county of Oakland, praying the Legislature to take such legislative action as may be necessary for amending the constitution of this State by expunging from the second article thereof, the word "white," and thus secure to all the citizens of this State, irrespective of color, equal political rights. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Jones—Three, of Samuel Preston, Henry Williams and Joseph P. Hull, and 112 others, inhabitants of the county of Eaton, for a law appropriating non-resident taxes upon a road leading from Bellevue to Delta Post Office, in Eaton county.

Also, the remonstrance of William H. Taylor and 30 others against the same. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Roof—Of J. C. Abel, and 120 inhabitants of Ionia and Kent counties, for an appropriation of two sections of land, for the improvement of Flat river. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Pratt—The several claims of C. P. Rust and Daniel Stores, and of John Webster. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Power—Of Wm. McCauley and others, for the appointment of Commissioners to lay out a State road from Brighton to Fentonville. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee on the militia, reported "a bill to regulate the militia," which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrolment, reported as correctly engrossed, "a bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the city of Detroit."

Mr. Munger, from the committee on towns and counties to whom was referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of

Wayne and Monroe, for the organization of a new county; also several remonstrances against the same, and also sundry resolutions for and against the organization of said new county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report a "a bill to organize the county of Polk," and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Hays, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution relative to steam boats on the lakes, in connection with the railroad of this State, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended the adoption of the same.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Cartter from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a petition of sundry citizens of Lenawee county, praying that the law for draining swamps, marshes, &c., may be amended, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report adverse to the prayer of said petition.

First, because they deem the act asked to be amended unconstitutionnal, inasmuch as it compels one individual to dispossess himself of his real estates for the benefit of another individual, without his consent or being himself a willing party to the transfer.

Second, because the amendment proposed by said petition would render the act referred to still more objectionable than it now is.

They have also instructed me to report a bill to repeal said act.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the "bill to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other lowlands,' approved April 18, 1837.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the Senate "joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens," accompanied with the memorial of the claimant, reported the same back to the House and recommended its adoption, and asked that the said

memorial be read, as the committee have become satisfied that the facts set forth therein are substantially correct.

The said memorial and joint resolution were thereupon referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution adopted on the 22d ultimo, relative to school lands in the fractional townships of this state, made a report accompanied with a communication from the commissioner of the state land office, and recommending the adoption of the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State Land Office be, and they are hereby authorized and required to ascertain in the most speedy and economical manner, the quantity of land the State is authorized to select under the provisions of the acts of Congress, of May 20, 1826, and June 23, 1836, granted for the support of schools, in addition or in lieu of the 16th section; and to cause the same to be selected by and with the advice and consent of Governor, in accordance with the provisions of said acts.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the joint resolution read a first and second time, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Cook, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a "bill making appropriations on the Kalamazoo river."

Mr. Power, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Isaiah J. Hudson, for relief, as a purchaser of certan school lands, made a report favorable to the prayer of the petitioner, together with a bill for relief, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following communication from the acting Commissioner of Internal Improvement:

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE,
Detroit, February 5, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the acting Commissioner of Internal Improvement be requested to report to this House as early as practicable, the

amount due contractors upon the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal, and the estimated cost of locking into the Clinton river, at the nearest and cheapest point."

The amount due contractors for work done on the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal, beyond the appropriation, (all of which has been expended,) is seven thousand seventy-three dollars and eighteen cents. The cost of locking into the Clinton river, "at the nearest and cheapest point," is estimated by the engineer, late in charge of that work, at eight thousand eight hundred and fifty-six dollars. The aggregate amount required to complete the work and pay the outstanding estimates, agreeably to above plan, is fifteen thousand nine hundred, twenty-nine dollars and eighteen cents.

All which is respectfully submitted.

O. C. COMSTOCK, Jr.
Acting Commissioner.

And the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have appointed as a committee of conference, on their part, on the disagreement between the two Houses, on the Senate amendment to the "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants, &c." Senators Cust and Littlejohn.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Stone gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the State in common with individuals; also a bill to amend the act relative to the organization of courts of special sessions.

Leave of absence was granted,

On motion of Mr Wood,

To Mr. Richman for one week;

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

To Mr. Ecklee for one day; and,

On motion of Mr. Hays,

To Mr. Stillson for three days.

Mr. Pratt, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce "a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to receive proposals for the purchase of all the public works of this State," and Messrs. Pratt, Steevens and Thompson were appointed a committee to bring in said joint resolution.

Mr. Pratt, in pursuance of like notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce "a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint commissioners to locate internal improvement and other State lands," and the chair appointed Messrs. Pratt, Roof and Taylor a committee to bring in the same.

Mr. Wyman, in pursuance of like notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce "a bill to amend 'an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate,' approved Feb. 22, 1843."

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of this State, to provide for biennial sessions of the legislature, was taken from the table.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The "bill to incorporaie the Odd Fellows' Hall Associotion of the city of Detroit," was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Power,	
Arnold,	Hazelton,	Pullen,	
Bancroft,	Hill,	Rose,	
Barbeau,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Groves,	Pitcher,		29

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Taylor,	

Cook,	Ransom,	Williams,	
Hays,	Roof,	Wood,	
A. S. Johnson,	Shaw,		14

The joint resolution relative to a tariff on wood having been read a third time, and the question being on its adoption, the yeas and nays were ordered and the same was adopted by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Munger,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pease,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Fowler,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Groves,			40

NAYS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pratt,	
Harvie,	Power,	Vickery,	6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The joint resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The said joint resolutions were recommitted to a select committee with instructions to make certain amendments thereto, and report the same back to the House.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Harvie, MacLeod, Stone, Adams and Williams as said committee.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order,

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee had had under consideration a joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens, and a joint resolution relative to the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State Land Office, to select certain school lands, and had instructed their chairman to report the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The "bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike," and,

On motion of Mr. A. S. Johnson,

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, were taken from the table, and severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

A committee consisting of Messrs. MacLeod, Wyman and D. Johnson, was appointed to examine and report to this House, whether there be an error in the journal of Monday last, in regard to its proceedings in the disposal of the matter relating to the disagreement of the two Houses, on the subject of the amendment of the Senate to the "bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock or bonds."

Mr. Davis moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion was lost.

Mr. Pratt moved to suspend the rules, and that the engrossment of sundry appropriation bills be dispensed with; the motion did not prevail; and,

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 7, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll of members it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Carter,—Of R. R. Richards and 27 others, for an amendment of the incorporation of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of 118 inhabitants of the county of Genesee, for an alteration in the state road leading from Pontiac to Grand river. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Fowler—Four of Almon Whipple and 217 others, residents of Livingston county, for alteration in the present law relative to county buildings. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Pullen—Of 56 inhabitants of the county of Wayne, for a law to compel the owners of mill dams on Huron river to construct suitable locks in said dams for the passage of boats and rafts. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Hays, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relating to the subject of internal improvement, together with several petitions asking for appropriations of land for the purpose of inproving canals, rivers, and common roads, made a report, accompanied with three several bills, as follows:

A "bill to provide for the extension of the Central Rail Road;"

A "bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Rail Road;"

A "bill to provide for the improvement of the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal."

On motion of Mac Leod,

Five hundred extra copies of the said report were ordered to be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, praying an amendment to the charter of the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Co., reported a "bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company," which was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, to whom was referred a "bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary," reported the same back to the House, and advise its passage.

Report accepted, and the said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A "bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike;"

A "bill to provide for the current expenses of the State for the year 1845, and for other purposes;"

A "bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road;" and

A "joint resolution authorizing the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State Land Office to select certain school lands."

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a communication from the war department, relative to the cession of jurisdiction to the United States over certain lands in the county, reported that said committee had had the said communication under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report a bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land in Wayne county, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said bill read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from said committee, to whom was referred the Senate bill to provide for repairing the jail in the county of Wayne, reported the same back without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Committee discharged and the said bill read the first and second time, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Demarest, John Green and others, to be allowed to construct a dam on Flat River, in the county of Montcalm, reported in conformity with the prayer of the petition a bill to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, Samuel L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russell, to build a dam across Flat River, in the county of Montcalm, and said bill was read the first and second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the House on the subject of an amendment to the Justices' Act, abolishing appeals, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so amending the "Justices' Act" as to abolish the right of an appeal to the circuit courts, and to provide that the party agrieved may have a new trial before the same justice with two associates, and a jury of twelve men.

Your committee are aware of no reasons to induce them to look favorably upon the change proposed. They therefore report that in their opinion a change of the present law is inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged accordingly.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, made a further report, as follows:

The Committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the petitions of Philurea Leonard, James L. Fletcher and Edward Martin, all praying the passage of a law to authorize them respectively to sell and convey the real estate, or interest of minors.

On an examination of the session laws of 1840, page 25, sec. 2, your committee find an act entitled "an act to authorize the conveyance of real estate of minors in certain cases," which confers upon the court of chancery ample power to order the letting for a term of years, or decree the sale, conveyance, or other disposition of the real estate or interest of minors, in such manner and with such restrictions as shall be deemed expedient.

As the chancery courts have, therefore, full discretionary powers to award relief, and from their ampler means of information, can better adjudicate upon the equities of the respective cases, your committee would report adversely to the prayers of the several petitions, and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Report accepted, and the committee discharged accordingly.

The select committee, appointed to examine and report to the House, whether there be an error in the journal of Monday last, in regard to the disposal of the matter relating to the disagreement of the two Houses, on the subject of the amendment of the Senate to the bill in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stocks or bonds, report: That on an examination of the journal, they find the history of the proceedings on the bill referred to correctly recorded.

They, therefore, ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

The committee were thereupon discharged accordingly.

Mr. A. S. Johnson, from the select committee to whom was referred two several petitions of inhabitants of the county of Oakland, in conformity with the prayer of said petitions, reported a "bill for establishing and constructing the Pontiac and Grand River road," and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions.

The committee were discharged, and the said bill was thereupon read the first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Wyman, from the select committee appointed for that purpose brought in a "bill amending an act authorizing Wm. W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate," approved February 22d, 1843, and said bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee to whom was referred a "joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution," with instructions to make certain amendments, reported the same back to the House in conformity with said instructions.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The following messaga was announced:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a joint resolution relative to the Oregon Territory, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the Territory of Oregon, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The chair also announced a communication from the common council of the city of Detroit, relative to planking a part of Michigan and Woodward avenues in the city of Detroit, and the same having been read, was referred to the select committee on that subject, of which Mr. Harvie is chairman.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Eastman gave notice that he will on some future day ask leave to bring in a bill to amend part first, title ninth, chapter eleventh of the revised statutes.

Mr. Stone, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the State in common with individuals.

Also a bill to amend the act relative to the organization of courts of special sessions; and Messrs. Stone, Harvie and Eastman were appointed a committee to bring in said bills.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845, and for other purposes, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the blank for fixing the salary of the State Geologist be filled with one thousand dollars, previous to the submission of the question on this motion,

Mr. Wyman, with the consent of the mover, offered a motion that the bill be laid upon the table, which prevailed.

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, and the bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike were severally read a third time and laid upon the table.

The joint resolution authorizing the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State Land Office to select certain school lands, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its adoption,

Mr. Groves moved that it be re-committed to the committee on public lands, with instructions to bring a "bill authorizing the State Geologist to perform certain acts and for other purposes;" and the motion prevailed.

The "joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens," was read a third time and adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The joint resolution relative to steamboats on the lakes, in connexion with the Central Rail Road of this State, was ordered to a third

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported that the committee had had under consideration,

A "bill to repeal an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands," approved April 18, 1839, which he was directed to report without amendment.

Also,

A "bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson;" and

A "bill to organize the county of POLK," which he was directed to report with sundry amendments, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The chairman reported further that the committee had also under consideration the "bill to regulate the militia," had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again, which was granted.

The House concurred in the amendments made in committee of the whole to sundry bills, and,

The question being upon ordering said bills to a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The "bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson," was laid on the table, as was also,

On motion of Mr. Pullen,

The "bill to organize the county of Polk."

Mr. Wyman moved that the "bill to repeal an act to provide for draining swamps" &c., be laid upon the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. McLeod moved the reconsideration of said vote, which was carried.

And the said bill was thereupon laid upon the table. And,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 8, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment; and a quorum of members appearing, the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Schwarz—Of Henry L. Chipman and 214 citizens of the U. S., and inhabitants of Wayne county, for the enforcement of the law to compel owners of dams on the river Rouge, as far as the same is declared navigable, to construct suitable locks for the passage of boats and rafts, and the removal of accumulating obstructions by drift wood, &c. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, of Edward Williams and 55 inhabitants of Wayne county, praying for an appropriation to repair the bridges over the river Rouge, and river Ecorse, said bridges being now the property of the State. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

Also, of W. W. Dean and 16 others, inhabitants of the county of Livingston, to have the name of the township of Green Oak changed and altered to Greenock. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

Also, remonstrance of Warren Parker and 26 other inhabitants of the county of Livingston, against raising a tax in said county for the erection of county buildings. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Blair—Petition of N. S. Wheeler and 351 inhabitants of the county of Lenawee, for a tax to be levied on dogs. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Jones—Of Peter Lowe and 71 others, citizens of Ingham county, that the legislature may take such means as they may deem most expedient for the improvement of Grand River. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

Also, remonstrance of Asaph B. Landers and 33 others, inhabitants of Eaton county, against the approriation of non-resident highway taxes upon a certain road leading from Bellevue to Delta Post Office, in said county. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Adams—Three several remonstrances of 54 legal voters of the township of Matteson, Branch county, against the repeal of a law passed in 1844, appropriating highway taxes upon a certain state
d. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Groves—Petition of sundry inhabitants of Berrien and Van Buren counties, for the appointment of commissioners to lay out a public highway in said counties. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Also, remonstrance of 62 citizens of the town of Royalton, against setting off any portion of said township on the township of St. Joseph. Referred to the committe on towns and counties.

By Mr. Harvie—Remonstrance of 970 inhabitants of Detroit, and of the towns of Hamtramck, Springwells, Greenfield, Dearborn, Ecorse, Nankin, and Monguagon, in the county of Wayne, against any amendments to the sixth section of an act to regulate highways, approved December 30, 1819. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hill—The claim of Wendell Buck. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of R. R. Richards and others, for an amendment of the act for the incorporation of the trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, reported a bill in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners, to amend an act entitled an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee on the militia, to whom was referred the communication of the Quartermaster General, relative to the subject of an arsenal or state armory, reported favorably to the suggestions contained in said communication, together with a bill to provide for the erection of a state armory, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution authorizing the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State land office to select certain lands, with instructions to report a bill authorizing the State Geologist to perform certain acts, and for other purposes, reported the bill in conformity with said instructions, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee were discharged, and the said bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Groves, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen J. Morse, relative to a right of preemption in certain school lands, reported that the committee have had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report said petition back, and advise the prayer thereof be granted.

And also the petition of Lucius Patterson and other inhabitants of Ionia county, relative to a certain school section in the town of Otisco. And after due deliberation thereon, had instructed their chairman to report the same back for the consideration of this House.—And ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged accordingly.

Mr. Vickery, from the committee on claims, submitted the following report:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of H. Willey, asking for five years interest on the sum of $274 50, the amount recently allowed him by the board of internal improvement, for services rendered on the Southern railroad, A. D. 1839,

Report that the committee are unwilling to countenance the practice of dividing a simple claim, separating, as in this instance, the interest from the principal, and requiring distinct action upon each by different departments of the government.

They therefore recommend that this petition be referred to the board of internal improvement, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The report of the committee was laid on the table.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend an act authorizing Wm. W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843, reported the same back to the House, amended by adding an additional section thereto, and recommended its passage.

And the said bill was thereupon read a first and second time, and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a

bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several organized counties attached to the same, for judicial purposes, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommends its passage.

Said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, submitted the following report:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration, a resolution of instruction and six several petitions, from the county of Livingston, all asking the passage of a law, to authorize the board of supervisors of said county, to raise, by tax, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to erect the county buildings.

The petition is signed by 217 residents of said county, and from the respectability of the petitioners, and the representations made to your committee, by the gentlemen to whom the inhabitants of Livingston county have intrusted their interests in this Legislature, your committee feel disposed to report favorably to the prayer of the petition; and to give it effect, have instructed me to introduce a bill.

They ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole:

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee, to whom was referred the petion of sundry citizens of Detroit, and a resolution of the common council of that city, for an appropriation, in aid of planking Michigan and Woodward avenues, submitted a report, concluding with a bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan avenue and Woodward avenue, in the city of Detioit; and the said bill was read a first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole.

MESSAGE.

The following message was announced from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 8, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of

Representatives a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the State Prison, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The joint resolution from the Senate was read a first and second time and referred to the committee on the State Prison.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The rule requiring that all bills shall be referred to the committee of the whole House was suspended; and

The bill to amend an act entitled an act amendatory to the several acts, incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion, was placed on the general order of business before the House; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hazelton, in pursuance of previous notice asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, and Messrs. Hazelton, Roof and Fowler, were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Wood offered the following resolution, which was rejected:

Resolved, That the board of internal improvement be requested to ascertain and report to this house what amount of land is now held by the State which can be appropriated without a breach of faith to those now holding the warrants heretofore issued.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Auditor General and State Treasurer be requested to report for the use of this House as follows:

1. The amount of interest accruing during the current year, and payable by the state on its funded debt, stating the time when the same is payable.

2. The amount of interest accruing during the current year and payable by the State on its unfunded debt.

3. What, if any, means the state possesses to meet the payments of interest, and if the same will be promptly met as it falls due; and

if not what legislation, if any, will be necessary to preserve inviolate the faith and credit of the State.

4. If the amount of interest due by the State on its funded debt, will be increased on demand after January, 1846, and if so how much.

And the question occurring upon their adoption, the yeas and nays were ordered and the resolutions were rejected by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Schwarz,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Thompson,
Cook,	Munger,	Vickery,
Fowler,	Power,	Wood,
Galloway,	Ransom,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Roof,	Speaker,
Hazelton,	Rose,	23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pratt,
Andrews,	Hays,	Pullen,
Barbeau,	Hill,	Shaw,
Blair,	Jones,	Stone,
Bowman,	Mason,	Taylor,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Thompson,
Davis,	Menzie,	Walker,
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Ecklee,		25

On motion of Mr. Menzie, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pease for three days.

Mr. Eastman gave notice that on Monday next or some day thereafter, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Adrian, approved April 6, 1841.

Mr. Stone gave notice that on a future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption in certain school lands.

Mr. Steevens gave notice of his intention to make a minority report on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the works of internal improvement.

Mr. Rose gave notice that on some future day he should ask leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation of lands for the construc-

tion of a wagon road from lake St Clair west on the base line to intersect the Detroit and Saginaw road.

Mr. Wyman gave notice that on a future day he will ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing certain townships in Lenawee county, to raise a certain amount of money by voting an additional tax for the improvement of highways

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The "joint resolution relative to steam boats on the lakes in connexion with the railroads of this State," was read a third time and adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The "joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constiution," being under consideration, and the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

It was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. MacLeod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration the following bills:

"A bill to regulate the militia."

"A bill to provide for the extension of the Central railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph."

"A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater."

A "bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal into the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes," and had directed their chairman to report progress on each of said bills respectively, and ask leave to sit again.

Leave was granted accordingly.

Also,

A "bill to provide for repairing the jail in the county of Wayne," which he was directed to report with an amandment and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

And the House thereupon concurred in said amendment, and said bill was ordered to a third reading.

The chairman of the committee of the whole reported further, that the committee had had under consideration,

A "bill to amend an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company," approved March 12, 1844; and

A "bill to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, Samuel L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russell, to build a dam across Flat River, in the county of Montcalm," which he was directed to report without amendment.

And said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Also,

A "bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands, for the site of an arsenal," which he was directed to report without amendment; and

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The said bill was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

The House adjourned.

Monday, February 10, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adams—Of Lyman Studley and 48 others, citizens of Branch and St. Joseph county, for the passage of a law appointing commissioners to lay out a road from Union city, in Branch county, to Bowman's mills in St. Joseph county. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Also, memorial of President and Trustees of the village of Coldwater, for an alteration of their charter. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Eastman—Two petitions of 141 inhabitants of the county of Lenawee, asking the legislature to repeal so much of the school law as requires the supervisors of each township to assess any sum for township library, and that the several township library, &c., &c. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of 82 citizens of St. Joseph county, praying for a reduction of the per diem to township officers, and that the board of inspectors of elections may consist of three persons only. Referred to committee on elections.

By Mr. Hazelton—Remonstrance of 144 inhabitants of the counties of Oakland and Genesee against any alteration in the Pontiac and Grand River Road, also asking an appropriation of land on the same. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Vickery—Of about 100 citizens of Prarie Ronde and the vicinity for the passage of a law to appropriate certain non-resident highway taxes, to the opening of a road between Schoolcraft and the mouth of the St. Joseph. Referred to the committee on Roads and bridges.

Also, a petition for appropriation of non-resident highway taxes on a state road from Kalamazoo to Ionia, laid out and established in 1838. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 62 inhabitants of Shiawassee county praying that the unexpended balance of the appropriations heretofore made on the Northern railroad, may be expended on the same for the purpose of making a wagon road or turnpike. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Harvie. Remonstrance of 9[illegible] inhabitants of Wayne county against the division of said county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Rose—Remonstrance of 102 citizens of the county of Wayne, against destroying certain mill dams on the River Rouge.—Read and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Ecklee—Of nearly 300 citizens of Lenawee county, that the present militia system be abolished, and independent volunteer companies encouraged. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to the United States Military Academy at West Point, reported that they had had the same under

consideration, report them back to the House and recommend that they do not pass.

The joint resolution was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pitcher, from the same committee, to whom was referred the joint resolutions relative to the Territory of Oregon, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had directed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend their passage.

Mr. D. Johnson, from committee on State prison, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the State Prison, reported the same back to the House and recommended the passage of said resolution, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The joint resolution was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, the following bills;

A "bill to amend an act entitled an act amendatory to the several acts, incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion."

A "bill to amend an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company, approved March 12, 1844.

A "bill to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, Samuel L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russel, to build a dam across Flat river, in the county of Montcalm;" and

A "bill to authorize the State Geologist to perform certain acts, and for other purposes."

Mr. Stone, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in the following bills, viz:

A "bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the State in common with individuals;" and

A "bill to amend the act relative to the organization of courts of special sessions," which were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House the following correspondence:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 5, 1845.

SIR—I have the honor to inform you, on behalf of the House of Redresentatives. that you was yesterday duly elected by the Legislature, Senator in Congress from the State of Michigan for six years from and after the 3d March next.

The pleasure of making this announcement is enhanced by the fact that an almost perfect unanimity characterized the proceedings of the Legislature and my own convictions that the result of our action will meet the wishes and expectations of the people of Michigan.

I have the honor to be,
Most respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. H. HANSCOM,
Speaker H. of R.

Gen. LEWIS CASS.

DETROIT, Feb. 7, 1845.

SIR:—I have had the honor to receive your letter, informing me that I had been elected by the Legislature of Michigan to the Senate of the United States, for the term of six years from the 3d of March next.

I beg you to convey to the House of Representatives my sincere thanks for this distinguished mark of favor, which they, in conjunc tion with the Senate, have conferred upon me, and to assure them I will endeavor faithfully to discharge my duty to the State and the country.

Thanking you for the expression of your personal kindness,
I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your ob't servant,
LEW. CASS.

Hon. A. H. HANSCOM, Speaker H. of R.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Internal Improvement be instructed to report to this House the number of passengers that travelled over the Central Railroad, each way between the first and 10th days of Ju-

ly, 1844, also, between the 5th and 15th days of September last past; also, the amount of new iron that has been laid on the track of the Central Railroad, between, and including the city of Detroit, and the village of Jackson in the county of Jackson, and whether the amount of such iron is not included in the iron debt mentioned on the eighth page of the report of the Board of Internal Improvement for the year 1844.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The vote by which the resolution offered by Mr. Bancroft on Saturday, relative to certain inquiries of the Auditor General and State Treasurer, was lost, was reconsidered.

The question being upon its passage,

Mr. Pratt offered the following to come in as third:

3rd. The indebtedness for iron spike, and fixtures to complete the Central Railroad to Marshall, and the Southern Railroad to Hillsdale due the present year; also, scrip outstanding with interest thereon; also, the amount of scrip taken up by the primary school fund justly chargeable to the internal improvement fund.

The amendment being accepted by Mr. Bancroft,

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Shaw gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of Marcellus township.

Mr. Cook gave notice that he will, at some future day, ask leave to bring in a bill for the erection of a bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at or near its mouth, in the township of Newark, Allegan county.

Mr. Vickery gave notice, that on to-morrow, he should ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief Gould Richardson.

Mr. Harvie, in pursuance of previous notice, asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit; leave being granted, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Harvie, Eastman and Stone, a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Leave of absence was granted for two days to Mr. Barbeau.

On motion of Mr. Fowler,

To Mr. Power, for one day.

On motion of Mr. Magoon,

To Mr. Walker for one day.

Mr. Stone, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption to certain school lands, and the chairman appointed Messrs. Stone, Mason and Andrews, to bring in said bill.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A bill to provide for repairing the jail in the county of Wayne.

A bill to authorize the State Geologist to perform certain acts and for other purposes.

And a bill to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russell to build a dam across Flat River in the co. of Montcalm" were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River plank road company, approved March 12, 1844, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Jones,	Shaw,
Compton,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Davis,	Mason,	Stone,
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Thompson,
Fowler,	Munger,	Vickery,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	38

NAYS. 0

The "bill to amend an act entitled an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion," was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Roof,
Andrews,	Hill,	Rose,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Jones,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Compton,	Mason,	Stone,
Cook,	MacLeod,	Taylor,
Davis,	Menzie,	Thompson,

Eastman,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Williams.	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Hays,			40

NAYS. 0

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration the bill to regulate the militia, had made sundry amendments thereto, and had directed their chairman to report the same, and ask the concurrence of the House therein; and also, that leave be granted to the committee to sit again on the bills now before it.

Leave was granted accordingly.

The question having been announced to be upon concurring with the committee of the whole on their amendments to the bill to regulate the militia, the same were concurred in.

Mr. Bancroft offered a substitute for the bill, which substitute,

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Was, together with the original bill as amended in committee of the whole, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 11, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll of members it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Beckman.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of sundry inhabitants of Genessee county, for

the passage of a law dispensing with militia musters and company trainings. Laid on the table.

By Mr. D. Johnson—Of sundry persons for the extension of the Central Railroad to the river, in the city of Detroit. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Fowler—Of 50 inhabitants of Livingston county, for a law authorizing a tax to build county buildings. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Carter—Of James McCracken and 30 others, of Macomb county, for the incorporation of a company to build a turnpike from Romeo to Lake St. Clair. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Vickery—Of trustees of Kalamazoo Literary Institute for an amendment of charter, so as to grant to them the power of conferring degrees. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. MacLeod—Communication of James Hughes, in relation to the sale of ardent spirits to the Indians. Referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

By Mr. Jones—Of L. H. Ion and 55 others of Eaton county, for raising highway taxes to one dollar per day. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of John Cunningham. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Power—Three petitions for the appointment of three commissioners to lay out a state road from Brighton to Fentonville. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Ransom—Four petitions of citizens of Kalamazoo county, for an alteration of the license laws. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

By Mr. Galloway—The committee on roads and bridges have had under consideration certain petitions and remonstrances from certain inhabitants of the township of Matteson, county of Branch, praying for the repeal of an act approved March 6, 1844, entitled an act for the appropriation of certain highway taxes, for the improvement of the state road leading from Coldwater to Centreville, and have instructed their chairman to report adverse to the prayers of the peti-

tioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were accordingly discharged.

Mr. Stone, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in the following bills:

A bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse, the right of pre-emption to certain school lands. Referred to committee on public lands.

Also,

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 11, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a "joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas Wilson Dorr," which the Senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 10, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives, a "bill to organize the township of POLK," which the Senate have passed and the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't serv't.
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas Wilson Dorr was read a first and second time and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The bill to organize the township of POLK, was also read the first and second time and referred to the committee on towns and counties.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Harvie for two days.

Mr. Roof gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill providing for taking a survey of Grand River, from Jackson to the head of steamboat navigation on said river.

Mr. Shaw, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the township of Marcellus, and Messrs. Shaw, Andrews and Rose, were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Vickery, in pursuance of previous notice asked leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Gould Richardson, leave being granted, Messrs. Vickery, Arnold and Pullen were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into committee on the whole on the general order; Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and their chairman reported that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration three several bills relating to various objects of internal improvement, had made progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

The House accordingly granted the committee leave to sit again on said bills.

The chairman further reported the joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the state prison; and the bill to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843, without amendment.

And that the committee had made sundry amendments to the following bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings.

A bill to provide for the erection of a state armory,

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary.

Joint resolution relative to the territory of Oregon, and a

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution.

In all of which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And the House concurred in the amendments of the committee to the said bills respectively.

The question having been announced to be upon ordering the joint resolution relative to the territory of Oregon to a third reading,

Mr. Jones moved to amend the same by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting as follows:

"That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use all proper exertions to exchange the territory of Oregon for the Canadas.

Mr. MacLeod moved to amend the amendment by substituting the word "swap" for "exchange," which motion was accepted.

And the question being upon the adoption of the amendment as amended, the same was rejected.

And the joint resolution was thereupon ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hazelton moved to lay the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution upon the table.

The motion did not prevail, and the joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the State Prison was ordered to be read a third time.

The bill to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill to authorize the boards of supervisors of the respective counties of this State to raise by tax, a sum sufficient to erect county buildings, being before the House,

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend the same by adding a section to the bill as follows:

Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts contravening or conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

And the same was carried.

Mr. Thompson moved to amend section 1, by adding a further proviso, "that the same shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the supervisors of any such county," which motion was lost, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question being upon ordering the bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary to be engrossed for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The bill was amended by adding the following:

"And the said capital stock shall be used for no other purposes than that above specified."

Mr. Bancroft moved the following amendment to section two:

Add a further proviso at the end of the section "that the property held by the said corporation over and above the sum of ten thousand dollars, shall be liable to taxation;" which amendment did not prevail, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 12, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

And was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 22 citizens of St. Clair county, for an appropriation of land, for a road on the line of the Northern Railroad. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pullen—Of A. P. Young and 100 others, of Wayne county, against the division of said county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pease—Of sundry citizens of Jackson county, for the construction of the Central Railroad to the wharf, in the city of Detroit. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of Parshall & Foster. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Taylor—Of 52 inhabitants of Lapeer county, for the removal of the county seat. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Jones—Of Seth Pattee, and 30 others, of Eaton county, for an appropriation of non-resident highway taxes upon a certain road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Taylor—Of 75 citizens of Lapeer county, for a change in the tax law. Referred to committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Roof—Of inhabitants of Ottawa county, to attach town 9, north of range 14 west, to the township of Norton. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

Also, of citizens of Ottawa county, to attach certain fractional townships to the town of Norton. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Ransom—Of Asa Ruell and others of Kalamazoo county, for a law to regulate road or outside fences. Referred to committee on judiciary.

Also, the petition of M. Everitts and others, of the same county, for legislation to provide for the destruction of wolves. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, of M. Everitts and others, for alteration of the school law. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of E. W. Lacroix. Referred to committee on claims.

Also, the claim of Parshall & Foster. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the state, in common with individuals, and

Also, a bill to amend the act relative to the organization of courts of special sessions, reported that the committee had had the said bills under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report them back to the House and recommend the passage of said bills respectively.

The committee were discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

And the same were thereupon read the 1st and 2nd time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to the qualifications of electors, reported the same back to the House and recommend that the said joint resolution be not adopted.

The said joint resolutions were thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred a bill to secure to Stephen J. Moore the right of pre-emption to certain school lands, reported that the committee have had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to this House, and recommend its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the bill referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit reported that the committee have had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were discharged, and the said bill was referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, reported that the committee had had under consideration three several petitions praying for the appropriation of the non-resident highway taxes on certain roads, and to lay out a certain state road from Battle Creek to Grand Rapids, and to appropriate the non-resident highway taxes on the same, and had instructed their chairman to report to the house three separate bills, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged and the said bills, viz:

A bill to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a State road commencing at the quarter post between sections 23 and 26 in town 4 north of range 10 west, in the county of Barry, thence

by the most direct and eligible route to the village of Grand Rapids, in Kent county;

Also a bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a State road from Kalamazoo to Ionia;

Also a bill to provide for the construction of a certain State road from the village of Schoolcraft in Kalamazoo county, to where said road intersects the Territorial road from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph, Berrien county;

Were severally read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

"Bill to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843."

"Bill to provide for the erection of a State armory."

"Bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings."

"Bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary," and

"Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution."

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the petition of James Geddes and others, concerning the assessment of personal property, reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committe discharged accordingly.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of John Cunningham, for repairing state arms, reported in favor of its allowance at the sum of $9,54, and recommended that the same be referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same with the general appropriation bill; and the said claim was referred accordingly.

Mr. Hazelton, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, and moved that said bill be referred to a select committee, which motion pre-

vailed, and the committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Hazelton, Roof, Galloway, Blair and Fowler.

Mr. Vickery, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill for the relief of Gould Richardson; and the said bill was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Shaw, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill for the relief of the township of Marcellus, and the same was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House a "bill to amend the act entitled an act for the destruction of wolves," which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the amendment to the "bill to provide for repairing the jail, in the county of Wayne."

I am also instructed to transmit a "bill to amend the law in relation to crimes," which the Senate have passed, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The following are the amendments of the Senate to the bill to amend the act entitled an act for the destruction of wolves:

1st amendment. Strike out the word 'original' and insert the word 'organized,' in the fifth line of section two.

2nd. Strike out the word 'original' in line six, of said section, and insert the word 'lower.'

3rd. Strike out the word 'ten' in line seven and insert the word 'eight;' and strike out the word 'five' in line eight of said section, and insert the word 'four.'

4th. Strike out the word 'next' in the last line of the bill, and insert the word 'instant' in its place.

The House concurred in the first and second amendments to the said bill, and non-concurred in the third and fourth amendments hereto.

The bill from the Senate to amend the law in relation to crimes, was read the first and third time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the board of supervisors of the several counties of this state to allow compensation to witnesses called in behalf of the people in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The substitute for the bill to regulate the militia, was referred to the committe of the whole.

Mr. Vickery offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, be instructed, in their report, to give a concise history of the Dorr revolution, so called, embracing the following points, to wit :

1. Whether the history of our government furnishes any example of the right of suffrage being extended in the manner attempted by Thomas W. Dorr, of Rhode Island, by the original action of those not previously invested with the right of suffrage.

2. Whether the said Thomas W. Dorr and his disorganizing associates, did not vote down a constitution legally framed, and which embraced a provision liberally extending the elective franchise, by increasing the number of voters some 100 per cent.

3. Whether the said Dorr and his friends did not refuse to submit to the Supreme Court of the state, which was continued in power and recognized by the Dorr legislature, the question as to which was the legal constitution of the state ; and

4. Whether the legislature of Michigan, or that of any other state

in the Union, has any right to interfere with the internal policy of the state of Rhode Island, and if so, whence originated that right.

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Mac Leod moved a reconsideration of the said vote which prevailed.

And the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Pratt, to lay the resolution on the table, it was carried in the affirmrtive.

Mr. Ransom gave notice that on some future day, he will ask leave to introduce a bill to amend section 35, chapter 4, title 1, part 3rd of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bancroft, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to regulate the business of fishing on Detroit and St. Clair rivers, and Messrs. Bancroft, Cartter and Munger were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Cook, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, Allegan county, to erect a free bridge at or near the mouth of Kalamazoo river, and the chair appointed Messrs. Cook, Bowman and Ransom, a committee to bring in the said bill.

Mr. Roof, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce "a bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in the county of Kent," and the chair announced Messrs. Roof, Hazleton and Pratt a committee to bring in the bill.

And thereupon Mr. Roof, from the said select committee, brought in said bill, and the same,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Roof, Hazleton, Pratt, Hays and Mason,

On motion of Mr. Fowler,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Power for an indefinite time.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The "joint resolution relative to the territory of Oregon," and the "joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the State prison," were severally read a third time and adopted.

The "bill to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved Feb. 22, 1843," was read a third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the respective counties of this state to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Cook moved to recommit the bill to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to insert a provision excluding the counties of Allegan and Barry from the operation of the act.

The motion did not prevail, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Jonhson,	Roof,	
Barbeau,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Blair,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Munger,	Wood,	
Groves,	Packer,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Pease,	Speaker.	
Hill,	Pratt,		35

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Arnold,	Hays,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Cartter,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Ransom,	Williams,	15

The bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary was read a third time, and lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Shaw,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Taylor,	
Barbeau,	Magoon,	Thompson,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pease,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hazleton,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Bowman,	Mason,	Rose,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Munger,	Stillson,
Eastman,	Murray,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Vickery,
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Galloway,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hays,		28

The bill to provide for the erection of a state armory having been read a third time,

Mr. Cook moved that the blank in the first section be filled with the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars.

Previous to the question being taken on filling the blank,

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The bill was laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to an amendment to the constitution, providing for biennial sessions of the legislature, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary, with instructions to report whether the said amendment conflicts with existing provisions in the constitution, and if so, what amendments are necessary thereto.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

When the committee rose, the chaiman reported that the committee had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue in the city of Detroit.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad, from Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Railroad, from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater.

A bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal in-

to the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick and for other purposes.

A bill to regulate the militia; and

A substitute for the same, entitled a bill to provide for the enrollment of the militia of this State for the organization of uniform companies, and for the government and discipline thereof.

Upon which said bills the committee had directed their chairman to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Leave was accordingly granted.

The chairman further reported "a bill to provide for constructing and establishing the Pontiac and Grand River road," with sundry amendments, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in said amendments, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The "bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes," was reported without amendment, and,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The same was laid upon the table.

The "joint resolution in relation to the military academy at West point," was also reported without amendment; and the question being upon ordering the same to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Bancroft proposed that the following addition be added at the end of the first resolution:

"Or make such alteration in the laws regulating that institution as will give an equitable distribution of the benefits conferred by it among the people."

And on motion of Mr. Carter,

The said joint resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 13, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

And was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of 137 inhabitants of Genessee county, for the improvement of Flint river. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Harvie—Remonstrance of 51 citizens of Wayne county, against the division of said county. Read and laid on the table.

By Mr. D. Johnson—Of citizens of Jackson county, that certain lands may be taxed. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Ecklee—Of Peleg Smith, for relief. Referred to committee on public lands.

By Mr. Shaw—Of Myron Strong and 32 others of Cass county, relative to a license law. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Williams—Of 26 inhabitants of Washtenaw, relative to licenses. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Ransom—Of 68 citizens of Kalamazoo county, for a branch of the Central railroad to be continued to the river in the city of Detroit. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Compton—Of A. Rawson and others, for a law to vacate part of the village plat of Rawsonville. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Schwarz—Claims of A. S. Williams, E. D. Ellis and of James Stewart. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred a "bill for the relief of Gould Richardson," reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had directed their chairman to report the same back to the House for its consideration, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill.

And the question being upon discharging the committee, the same was lost, and the House refused to discharge the committee.

Mr. Steevens, as the minority of the committee on internal improvement, made a separate report; which,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Was laid upon the table and 500 extra copies of the same were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of Thomas G. Davis, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had given to said claim a careful and thorough investigation, and had thereupon instructed their chairman to report a "joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis."

And the said joint resolution was read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrossed, "a bill to provide for constructing and establishing the Pontiac and Grand River road."

Mr. Cook, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in "a bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, Allegan county, to erect a free bridge at or near the mouth of Kalamazoo river." And said bill was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit. Feb. 13, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit copies of communications from the holders of a portion of the outstanding bonds of the State, for which no consideration has been received.

As these communications relate to an important subject, I respectfully suggest the propriety of their reference to some appropriate committee, with instructions to enquire into the justness of the claims which they present, and to make a report of the result of such inquiry.

JOHN S. BARRY.

Mr. Harvie called for the reading of the communications referred to in the message of his Excellency, the Governor, and the same was accordingly read.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The several communications were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The speaker also announced a communication from the board of internal improvement, responsive to a resolution of the House, of the 10th instant, and the same was ordered to be laid on the table, and printed.

The following message was also announced from the Senate :

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 11, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a bill to amend an act entitled an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion ;

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company, approved March 12, 1844 ; and

A bill to authorize Samuel Demarest and others, to build a dam across Flat river, in the county of Montcalm, which the Senate have severally passed without amendment.

Also, to transmit to the House, a bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return the preamble and joint resolution relative to the establishment of an office of Superintendent of Lights on the Northwestern Lakes, and inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz, it was

Resolved, That the committee on state library, be requested to report to this House at its earliest convenience, if any, and what action

has been taken by said committee on the resolution introduced and adopted by this House on the 9th day of January last, and which was in the following words:

Resolved, That the committee on state library be instructed to direct the librarian to compile, without delay, a correct catalogue of all the books, pamphlets, magazines, &c., now in the state library, and that said committee be authorized to have as many copies of said catalogue printed in book form for the use of the library, as the same may think necessary.

Also, that the same committee be authorized to have all these books of which the binding has been injured by use or abuse, re-bound in a strong, durable, but cheap style of binding.

And said committee is hereby also requested to report, if any, and what further action on the part of the House is required, to carry the above resolutions into effect, and thereby prevent the further destruction of said valuable state library.

Mr. Barbeau gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to abolish the office of associate judges of the circuit court, and for other purposes.

Mr. Thompson gave notice, that at some future day he would ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing the commissioners of highways in the township of Bennington, in the county of Shiawassee, to make alterations in a certain state road, leading through said township.

On motion of Mr. Ecklee,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wyman for one day.

Mr. Hays gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a joint resolution granting Joel P. Mann right of way through certain lands.

On motion of Mr. Munger,

The bill to organize the county of Polk,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac, Chippewa, &c.,

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson were severally taken

from the table, and placed on the order of business before the House.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The joint resolution relative to West Point Academy was also taken from the table, and placed in the order of business.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for establishing and constructing the Pontiac and Grand River road having been read a third time,

On motion of Mr. A. S. Johnson,

The blank in the first section of the bill was filled with the names of Lewis H. Sturges, Philip S. Frisbie and Elkanah Parker, the first blank in the 11th section with the name of Robert Toan, the second with the name of William Turner, the third with the name of Jonathan M. Hartwell, the fourth with the name of Samuel N. Warren, and the fifth with the name of Hiram Turn.

And the bill was then passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, &c., being under consideration,

Mr. Mac Leod moved sundry amendments to said bill, which were severally adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill to organize the county of Polk, was amended,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

By inserting in section 1, line 9 after the word "Wayne," the following, "thence east to the southwest corner of the township of Romulus, thence north to the northwest corner of said township of Romulus."

Mr. Pullen moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

That all that part of the county of Wayne being east of the townships of Redford, Dearborn and Ecorse be set off and organized into a separate county by the name of "Detroit."

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Bancroft moved to strike out the word "Polk," and insert "Mason." Lost.

Mr. Murray moved to strike out the first section, which was also lost.

Mr. Barbeau moved to amend the same section by inserting "Old Zeke," so as to read "the county of Old Zeke Polk."

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the amendment by substituting "James K." for Old Zeke, which motion did not prevail, and the question recurring upon the adoption of the original amendment, the same was lost.

Mr. Menzie moved to lay the bill on the table, which was lost.

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as was also the bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson.

The joint resolution relative to the Military Academy at West Point being under consideration, and the question recurring upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Bancroft, it was lost.

The yeas and nays having been ordered upon directing the resolution to be engrossed for a third reading, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Stillson,	
Groves,	Power,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pratt,		17

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Fowler,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Harvie,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Hazelton,	Roof,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Barbeau,	Magoon,	Thompson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Davis,	Pease,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
		Speaker,	31

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 14, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

And was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Jones—Three petitions from citizens of Eaton county relative to license law. Laid on the table.

Also three petitions for an act allowing the supervisor to re-assess certain taxes in the town of Oneida, Windsor and Tom Benton. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also of 95 citizens of Eaton county for an appropriation to build a bridge across Grand River, in Eaton county. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Also of H. Williams and others relative to a certain road from Bellevue to Delta Post Office. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Ransom—Remonstrance of 59 citizens of Kalamazoo village against the repeal of the village charter. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Bancroft—Of 29 citizens of St. Clair relative to the license law. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Mason—Remonstrance of William Dunbar and others against the division of Monroe county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Eastman—Of Russell Lyman and others, relative to damages on the Southern railroad, in the village of Adrian. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Harvie—Memorial of Thomas Taylor. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, resolution of the common council of the city of Detroit. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Ecklee—Of A. C. Harris and 133 others of Lenawee county, for the incorporation of the Grand River Institute. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

REPORTS.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 3 and 16, of chapter 3, title 6, part 1, of the revised statutes, which requires overseers of highways to give twenty days notice to non-residents to work out their highway taxes, having had said resolution under consideration, would respectfully report, that in the session laws of 1844, No. 53, page 69, section 3, the legislation asked for in the resolution of instruction may be found.

The committee therefore ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

And the committee were discharged accordingly.

Mr. MacLeod from the same committee, reported that the committee had had the following bills under consideration.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment.

A bill to amend the law in relation to crimes.

A bill for the relief of the township of Westphalia, in the county of Clinton.

And a bill for the relief of the township of Portland, in the county of Ionia.

And had directed their chairman to report them respectively back to the House, to recommend the passage of the same, and to ask that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged accordingly; and the said bills were severally read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. McLeod from the same committee further reported as follows:

The committee on the juiciary to whom was referred a joint resolution proposing an alteration of the constitution of this state, with instructions to examine whether said joint resolutions would harmonize with other provisions in said constitution, and with the existing laws of the United States in relation to elections, respectfully report that, on examination, they find the joint resolution aforesaid consistent and harmonious with the constitution aforesaid, and with the existing laws of the United States. They therefore report it back, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

And the committee were so discharged.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, reported further, as follows:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of so amending the tax laws of this State as to exclude lambs of one year old and under, from taxation, respectfully report:

That, in the opinion of the committee, there is no good reason why lambs should be excluded from the privilege of exemption, enjoyed by their less poetical brethren, the mules and swine.

They, therefore, report a bill in accordance with the spirit of the resolution and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of M. Everitt and 24 others, for further legislation for the destruction of wolves, and for other purposes, reported:

That the legislature have already acted on this subject; and that, in the opinion of the committee, no further legislation is necessary.

They, therefore recommend that the petition be laid upon the table, and ask that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

And the committee were accordingly discharged.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred the following bills, viz:

A bill to amend section 67, chapter 3, title 3, part 1st, of the revised statutes, relative to the duty of surveyors;

A bill to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren;

A bill for the relief of Oliver Colt;

Reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments, and recommended their passage.

The committee also ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

And the committee were discharged.

The said bills were thereupon read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of John Monroe, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report a joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Committee discharged, and the said joint resolution was read the 1st and 2nd time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Gould Richardson, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back, and ask its reference to the committee of the whole House, and to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill authorizing the township board of the town of Newark, Allegan county, to erect a free bridge across the Kalamazoo River, at or near its mouth, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage, being induced to do so, as the said bill depends upon a majority of the citizens of the township to carry it into effect by vote, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the said bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to organize the county of Polk and a bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company, approved March 12, 1844.

"An act to amend an act entitled 'an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion,'"

"An act to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, Samuel L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russell to build a dam across Flat River, in the county of Montcalm,"

And the said bills were thereupon respectively presented to His Excellency, the Governor, for his signature.

Mr. Hazelton, from the select committee to whom was referred the "bill to improve the navigation of the Flint River," reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and advise its passage, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the said bill read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGE.

The Chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 14, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives "a bill to amend an act to provide for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes."

And "a bill to modify the license laws," which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The bill from the Senate "to amend an act to provide for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on public lands; and the bill to modify the license laws, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in "a bill to amend an act entitled 'an act for the transfer of certain causes from the Supreme Court to the Court of Chancery, and for other purposes.'"

On motion of Mr. Fowler,

The "bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River road," was taken from the table and placed in the order of business before the House.

Mr. Hays in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right of way for a race or canal through university land.

And said resolution was referred to Messrs Hays, Pitcher and Galloway as a committee to bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The vote by which the House refused to order the joint resolution in relation to the military academy at West Point to a third reading was reconsidered, and,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The same was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The several bills relating to the subject of internal improvements were made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the present condition of the finances, and consulting the best interests of this State, we deem any further appropriations of lands belonging to the state for purposes of internal improvement, impolitic, and in view of the present financial condition of the state, ought not to be made; excepting so much of said lands as are embraced in the bill to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh railroad, as a branch of the Southern railroad.

And "a bill to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo."

And excepting also so much of said land as shall be necessary to lock the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river at the village of Frederick.

Mr. Menzie moved to amend the resolution by adding the following:

"And also excepting such appropriations on the Central and Southern railroads as are recommended in the report of the majority of the committee on internal improvement."

Mr. Stone moved that the resolution and amendments be laid upon the table.

And on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Barbeau,	Jones,	Shaw,
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Thompson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,
Hill,		34

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Roof,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Cartter,	Munger,	Steevens,
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Galloway,		16

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The House had under consideration the "joint resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution," providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature, and the question having been announced to be upon their adoption, the yeas and nays were ordered and the same were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Hill,	Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphry,	Roof,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Stone,
Cartter,	Mason,	Thompson,

Davis,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Williams,	
Fowler,	Pease,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Power,	Speaker,	38.

NAYS.

Mr. Barbeau,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Taylor,	
Hazelton,			10

The bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson, having been read a third time, the same, by the unanimous consent of the House, was amended by striking out of section 1, line 7, the words, "of such portions," and the words, "as the said Isaiah J. Hudson may designate and select," from the 7th and 8th lines of the same section; and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Roof,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Jones,	Shaw,
Barbeau,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Blair,	Mason,	Stillson,
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Thompson,
Fowler,	Packer,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Pease,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Harvie,	Power,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hill,	Ransom,	47

NAYS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Compton,	Mr. Murray,	
Carter,	Davis,		5

On motion of Mr. Munger,

The bill to organize the county of Polk was taken from the table, and the question occurring upon its passage,

Mr. Stone moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and previous to the question being taken thereon,

On motion of Mr. Pratt, the bill was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the enrollment of the militia of this State, &c;

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit; and

A bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue, in the city of Detroit, and had instructed their chairman to report progress on said bills respectively, and ask for leave to sit again.

And leave was granted accordingly.

The chairman further reported without amendment a bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption to certain school lands, and said bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Also, that said committee had amended a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, relative to the qualifications of electors, by striking out all after the clause of resolution, in which amendment he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Jones moved that the said joint resolution be laid on the table, which was lost.

And the question recurring upon the concurrence of the House in the amendment made in committee of the whole, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House concurred by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,
Arnold,	Hays,	Rose,
Barbeau,	Humphrey,	Schwarz,
Blair,	A. S. Johnsonn,	Shaw,
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,
Davis,	Mason,	Stone,
Eastman,	Mac Leod,	Thompson,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Packer,	Speaker,
Groves,		28

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Pratt,
Bowman,	Murray,	Roof,
Compton;	Pease,	Walker,
Cook,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hill,	Power,	Wood,
Jones,		16

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The clause of resolution was laid upon the table, and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 15, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Piper.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Mac Leod—Three remonstrances, and the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Monroe county, against the dismemberment of the county to form a new county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pitcher—Of 86 citizens of St. Joseph county, for an alteration of the license law. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pease—Of sundry citizens in Jackson county, for the extension of the Central Rail Road to the river in the city of Detroit. Referred to committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Power—The claim of H. E. Perry, for repairs, and of J. W. Tillman for chairs. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Andrews—Of J. R. Haynes, for the privilege of building a dam across the Paw Paw river. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Groves—The remonstrance of citizens of Berrien county, against the appointment of commissioners to lay out a certain State road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College, at Spring Arbor, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had instructed their chairman to report the same to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from its futher consideration.

The House refused to discharge the committee, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Blair, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred that part of the Governor's message which relates to the election laws, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report a bill to amend the election laws so as to conform to the recent amendment of the constitution.

The bill was read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

By Mr. Schwartz—That the committee on roads and bridges to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Branch and St. Joseph counties, praying for the appointment of state commissioners to lay out and establish a road from Union City in Branch county, to Bowman's Mills in the county of St. Joseph, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged accordingly, and the bill read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

By Mr. Groves—That the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Peleg Smith for relief in certain school lands, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed their chairman to report the same back, and advise relief in the premises, and ask to be discharged.

They have also had under consideration, the petition of sundry persons of Jackson county, praying that certain lands may be taxed, and instructed their chairman to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and asked to be discharged.

The reports were severally accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Roof, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the construction of a canal around the Grand Rapids, on Grand River, in the county of Kent, made a report recommending the passage of the bill.

The report was laid upon the table and ordered printed; and the bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Hays from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right of way for a race or canal across certain University lands.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Carttar, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to regulate fishing in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, and the same was referred to the committee on federal relations.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following communications:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 15, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a bill for the relief of George Davis, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, to transmit a bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgements of deeds and instruments of writing under seal, and

A bill to change the name of Michigan village, which the Senate have severally passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't serv't.
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 15, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the joint resolution relative to the Territory of Oregon.

Also, that the Senate have receded from their amendment to the bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the destruction of wolves, as non-concurred in by the House.

Also, to return to the House the bill to amend an act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

I am further instructed by the Senate to transmit a bill to amend an

act entitled an act to establish a Board of County Auditors for Wayne county, and for other purposes.

A bill to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign, to erect a dam across Flat River in the county of Montcalm.

A bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Reed & Co., and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Jacob Rhines.

Which the Senate have severally passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y. of Senate.

The "joint resolution relative to the claim of Jacob Rhines," and the "bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co.," were severally read the first and second time and referred to the committee on claims.

The following bills from the Senate were severally read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary, viz:

"A bill to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign to erect a dam across Flat river in the county of Montcalm."

"A bill to amend 'an act to establish a board of county auditors of Wayne county, and for other purposes,' approved March 11, 1844."

"A bill to change the name of Michigan village."

"A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds and instruments of writing under seal."

The House concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill for the relief of George Davis.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a "bill to amend an act entitled an act for the transfer of certain causes from the Supreme Court to the Court of Chancery, and for other purposes," and Messrs. Harvie, Stone and Eastman were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Leave of absence until Tuesday next was granted as follows:

On motion of Mr. A. S. Johnson, to Mr. Galloway.

On motion of Mr. Eastman, to Mr. Bancroft.

On motion of Mr. Williams, to Mr. Hazelton,

On motion of Mr. Pratt, to Mr. Steevens.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, to Messrs. Munger and Taylor.

On motion of Mr. Andrews, to Messrs. Pullen and Compton, and

On motion of Mr. Power, to Mr. Fowler until Thursday next.

Mr. Barbeau, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce "a bill to abolish the office of associate judges of the circuit court, and for other purposes," and Messrs. Barbeau, D. Johnson and MacLeod were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the clerk of this House be, and he is hereby authorized to employ an assistant for the remainder of the session, whose term shall commence on the eighth of the present month, and who shall not receive more than three dollars per day while so employed.

Mr. Carter moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Cook moved to amend by striking out 'three,' and inserting 'two,' before the word 'dollars,' which was also lost; and the resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House ordered a reprint of the journal of yesterday.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimacinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes, coming up for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of preemption to certain school lands, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

The question occurring upon the House resolving itself into a committee of the whole, it was lost. And,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House adjourned

Monday, February 17, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment:

And was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Piper.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Harvie—Of the Detroit Irish Temperance Society, consisting of 1700 members, for an alteration in the license law. The petition was read and laid on the table.

By Mr. Stone—Of the Bishop and Rector, and the Trustees of the Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church of St. Ann of Detroit, for the passage of a law to enable said corporation to convey certain lands. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Adams—Of sundry inhabitants of Coldwater, for an amendment of their charter. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Also, the remonstrance of David F. Gates and 49 others, inhabitants of the township of Bronson, against the division of said township. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Power—Of Christian Beedleman. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Groves—Of citizens of Berrien county, for the appointment of Commissioners to lay out a State road from St. Joseph to New Buffalo; also, for an appropriation on said road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, made the following report:

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred a Senate bill "to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the State for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes," have had the same under consideration, and report the following amendments:

Strike out of the first line of section six the words "county treasurers of the several counties," and insert "Auditor General;" and strike out of the third line of said section the words "to them respectively," and respectfully recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

Report accepted, committee discharged, and the bill read a first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Carter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and advise its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Committee discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the destruction of wolves and

An act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern railroad, and the said bills were thereupon presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims to whom was referred the claim of H. S. Belcher for certain promissory notes drawn by Benjamin Porter in favor of sundry persons and for various amounts, reported that the claim be disallowed, and asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said claim.

Report accepted and committee discharged accordingly.

Mr. Pratt from the same committee reported back to the House the respective claims of J. W. Tillman and E. N. Lacroix; and recommend that the same be referred to the committee on ways and means to be incorporated in the general appropriation bill.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, February 3, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act amendatory to the several acts incorporating the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion.'"

Also "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road company,' approved March 12, 1844,"

Also "an act to authorize Samuel Demarest, Clark L. Demarest, Samuel L. Demarest, John Green and Josiah Russell to build a dam across Flat river in the county of Montcalm."

JNO. S. BARRY.

The chair announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a "joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the State land office to convey certain lands to Jeremiah Silver;"

And "a joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey for a horse lost in the service of the State, in defending the supremacy of its laws," which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives "a joint resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee," which the Senate have adopted and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return "a bill to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843," which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to convey certain lands to Jeremiah Silver, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on public lands.

The joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey for a horse lost

in the service of the state, in defending the supremacy of its laws, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The Senate joint resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee being under consideration,

Mr. Pratt moved that the rule requiring its reference to a standing committee of the House, be suspended, which motion did not prevail;

And the said joint resolution was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, it was

Resolved, That two hundred extra copies of the report of the select committee upon the bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids, be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The bill to repeal an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839, was taken from the table and placed in the order of business before the House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill to provide for the current expenses of the state, for the year 1845, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House having under consideration a bill to repeal an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839,

Mr. Wyman moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out for the purpose of introducing a substitute for the whole bill, which he thereupon submitted; and

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The bill was laid on the table and the substitute ordered to be printed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported that the committee had had under

consideration, the following bills, and had instructed him to report the same without amendment:

Joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis.

Joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe.

A bill to amend the law in relation to crimes.

A bill to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren.

A bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment.

A bill to amend the act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes.

And the said bills, with the exception of the "bill to amend the act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes," which,

On motion of Mr. Pratt, was laid on the table,

Were respectively ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported that the committee had progressed in the House bills number 45, 46, 48 and 51, and asked leave to sit again thereon; and the House granted leave accordingly.

The chairman also reported that the committee had made sundry amendments to the following bills:

"A bill to amend the revised statutes relative to the duty of county surveyors," No. 56.

"A bill to establish a certain road from Barry county to Grand Rapids," No. 55.

"A bill for the relief of Gould Richardson," No. 62.

"A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain State road from Kalamazoo to Ionia," No. 58.

"A bill to provide for the construction of a road from Schoolcraft," &c., No. 52.

And "a bill to modify the license law."

And asked the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

The House concurred in the several amendments made to bills No. 56, 55 and 62 in committee of the whole; and thereupon No. 56, 55 and 62 were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question having been announced to be upon concurring with the committee of the whole in their amendment to the "bill to modify the license law," the yeas and nays were ordered and the House concurred by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Barbeau,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Stone,	
Groves,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Hays,	Power,	Williams,	
Hill,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Humphrey,	Ransom,	Wyman,	34

NAYS.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Thompson,	
A. S. Jonhson,	Murray,	Speaker.	6

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The said bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Bill number 52 being under consideration before the House,

Mr. Williams moved to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Mr. Roof moved to amend the amendment by striking out section 1, which did not prevail;

And the question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Williams, it was lost, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Bill number 53 being under consideration;

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Pending this motion,

Mr. Vickery moved to lay the bill upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 18, 1845

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

And was called to order by the Speaker.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Schwarz—Of John Biddle and others, for the improve-

ment of the bridges over the rivers Rouge and Ecorse. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Groves—Of 72 citizens of Berrien county, relative to an appropriation by Congress, for the improvement of the harbor at New Buffalo. Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Cook—Of H. S. Jennings and forty others, for the appropriation of highway taxes to open a state road from Hastings, in Barry county, to the mouth of Flat river in Kent county. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Mac Leod—Of Ann Reeve, which was read, and referred to the committee on the judiciary with instructions to report a bill in conformity with the prayer of the petitioner.

By Mr. Wyman—Of Lucius Warner, for relief in certain school lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Compton—Of N. Gomstock and 13 others, that all monies raised for township purposes other than for the ordinary expences shall be by ballot. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Also, of citizens of Washtenaw county, that the Central railroad may be extended to the river in the city of Detroit. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Also, of Joel T. Griffin and others, for a law to support common schools by a general tax. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Harvie—The claim of Dr. A. Kaminsky for printing, reading proof, paper and stitching for Governor's Message in the German language. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Ann Reeve, in conformity with the prayer of the petitioner, reported a bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate, and the bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, reported that they had had under consideration the Senate joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the Land Office to convey certain lands to Jeremiah Silver, and reported it back without amendment, recommending

its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Berrien county, praying for the passage of an act appointing commissioners to lay out a state road from St. Joseph to New Buffalo, in said county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and respectfully recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to provide for the laying out of a certain state road was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Andrews, from the committee on Indian affairs, to whom was referred a communication from the war department, asking some legislative actian to prevent the traffic in ardent spirits with the Indians; also a communication from James Hughs on the same subject, reported that they had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged and the bill was read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, reported in favor of the claim of John Webster, and recommended its allowance at the sum of $1,50, and of the claim of F. H. Steevens, a witness before the Senate committee on finance, in the year 1841, at $6,00, and that said claims be referred to the committee of ways and means with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, reported adversely to the passage of the Senate "bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co.," and asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

Report accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported the followng bills as correctly engrossed:

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Mr. Mason gave notice, that on a future day, he will ask leave to bring in a bill to charter the Ottawa and Redford Turnpike Company.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to amend the law in relation to crimes;

The bill to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river in the county of Van Buren;

The bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment.

The bill for the relief of Gould Richardson;

The bill to provide for the construction of a state road from the village of Schoolcraft, in Kalamazoo county, to where said road intersects the territorial road from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph, in Berrien county, and were severally read a third time and passed.

The joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis;

The joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe;

The bill to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a state road, commencing at the quarter post between sections 23 and 26 in town four north of range ten west, in the county of Barry, thence by the most direct and eligible route to the village of Grand Rapids, in Kent county, being under consideration,

Mr. Roof asked the unanimous consent of the House to introduce an amendment to the third section of the bill. Objections having been made,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges, with instructions to strike out the third section of the bill.

The question having been announced to be upon the final passage of the bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The said bill was recommitted to the committee of ways and means with instructions to fill the blanks in said bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road running from Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia, being under consideration,

Mr. Pratt withdrew his pending motion to strike out of the bill all after the enacting clause.

On motion of Mr. Cook, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the 2d section of the bill was amended by striking out all after the three first lines of said section, except the first word, "That," and also all of the three last lines of said section after the word "performed," in the 6th line.

And thereupon the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee had had under consideration "a bill to regulate the militia," and had directed their chairman to report the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The bill was recommitted to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Schwarz, Bancroft, Williams, Thompson and Pease.

And on motion of Mr. Barbeau,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 19, 1845

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Stone—Of 65 citizens of Monroe, for an alteration of the license law. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Blair—Of James Geddes and others, for certain acts of township to be legalized. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Roof—Of Norton H. Beckwith, to change his name to Hadley Norton. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 26 inhabitants of the county of Shiawassee, for the word "white" to be stricken from the constitution. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By the same—Of 23 inhabitants of Shiawassee county, asking for an appropriation of land for the improvement of Shiawassee river. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of inhabitants of Genessee county, for a change in the license law. Laid on the table.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a bill to abolish the office of associate judges, and for other purposes, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend that the bill do not pass.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, reported back a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the transfer of certain causes from he supreme court to the court of chancery, and for other purposes, and recommend the passage of the bill; and said bills respectively were read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred tho bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845, and for other purposes, with instructions to fill the blanks in said bill, reported the same back to the House amended in conformity with the instructions of the House.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a state road from the county of Barry to Grand Rapids, with instructions to strike out the third secton of said bill, reported the said bill back to the House amended in conformity with its instructions.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee to whom was referred two petitions from the inhabitants of the county of Macomb, praying that commissioners be appointed to lay out and establish a certain road, and for the appropriation of the non-resident highway taxes for the improvement of the same, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed their chairman to report a bill to provide for laying out, establishing and constructing a state road in the county of Macomb, and recommend the passage of the same.

And said bill was thereupon read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the

claims of sundry individuals against the state, reported them as follows:

Adversely to the claims of John Webster and John Brown, for the reason that the committee had not been furnished with any evidence in support of said claims.

The committee recommend the allowance of the claim of A. S. Williams at the sum of $13,25.

Of James Stewart, at $7,92;

Of Edward D. Ellis, at 13,27;

Of C. G. Crego, at $25,00;

Of G. W. Knapp, at $18,36;

Of James Covel, jr. at $40,96, and interest thereon.

And recommend that the said claims be referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill.

Report accepted, and said claims disposed of accordingly.

The claims of John Webster and John Brown were respectively re-committed to the committee on claims.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to amend section 67, chapter 3, title 3, part 1st, of the revised statutes, retative to the duty of county surveyors.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to amend an act authorizing William W. Bliss, administrator of Harvey Bliss, &c., to convey certain real estate, approved February 22, 1843; and

"An act for the relief of George Davis;" and the same were thereupon presented to His Excellency the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, made the following report:

The committee on public lands ask leave to report "a joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public uses," and respectfully recommend its passage.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 18, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House "a bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes, approved January 26, 1844," which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Also to transmit "a bill authorizing the building a dam across the River Raisin," and "a bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erect a dam across Flat River in the county of Kent," which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 19, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House "a bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases," which the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also to return "a bill authorizing the State Geologist to perform certain acts, and for other purposes;"

"A bill to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburg railroad as a branch of the Southern railroad," and

"A bill to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo," and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erect a dam across Flat river, in the county of Kent;

The bill authorizing the building a dam across the River Raisin;

The bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases, were severally read a first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Schwarz, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti Rail Road Company, and Messrs. Schwarz, Harvie and Eastman were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Roof, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the survey of the Grand River; and Messrs. Roof, Murray and Hazelton were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The bill to provide for the continuation and improvement of a certain State road from Kalamazoo to Ionia, was referred to the committee on education, with instructions to correct the phraseology of the preamble to said bill.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The Senate bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co. was taken from the committee of the whole and re-committed to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill to organize the county of Polk, was taken from the table, and placed on the general order of business before the House; and,

On motion of Mr. Munger,

The same bill was again laid upon the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to amend sec. 67, chap. 3, title 3, of part 1st of the revised statutes, relative to the duty of county surveyors, having been read a third time,

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The bill to lay out, establish, and provide for the construction of a state road commencing at the quarter post between sections twenty-three and twenty-six, town four north, of range ten west, in the coun-

ty of Barry, thence by the most eligible route to the village of Grand Rapids, in Kent county, and,

A bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845, and for other purposes, were severally read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The vote on the final passage of the bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845, and for other purposes, was reconsidered; and,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The said bill was laid upon the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. MacLeod in the chair;

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration,

"A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit," which the committee had instructed him to report to the House without amendment; and,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The said bill was laid on the table.

The chairman further reported "a bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan avenue and Woodward avenue in the city of Detroit," and "a bill to amend an act providing for the organization of courts of special session," with sundry amendments, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in the amendments made in the committee of the whole to the "bill to amend the act providing for the organization of courts of special sessions," and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House also concurred with the committee in their amendments to the bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan and Woodward avenues, &c.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The following section was added to the bill to stand as section 4:

Sec. 4. In payment of all estimates upon contracts made under this act, the Auditor General shall draw a scrip, not bearing interest and payable only in lands at the State land office for internal improvement lands, whenever a sufficient amount of said scrip or other funds by law receivable for said lands, shall be presented to pay for any such legal subdivisoin or other fraction as shall there be subject to sale or entry.

The question having been announced to be upon ordering the said bill as amended to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Barbeau,	Mason,	Steevens,
Blair,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Bowman,	Munger,	Stone,
Cartter,	Murray,	Taylor,
Compton,	Pease,	Thompson,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Walker,
Harvie,	Ransom,	Williams,
Hays,	Richman,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Roof,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	38

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphry,	Mr. Packer,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Pratt,
Cook,	Menzie,	Speaker,
Groves,		10

On Motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Stone in the chair; and after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee of the whole had had under consideration, a bill for the relief of the township of Westphalia, in the county of Clinton,

A bill to provide for the laying out a state road from Union City to Bowman's Mills, and,

A bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, in Allegan county, to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at

or near its mouth, and had instructed their chairman to report the same without amendment.

And said bills were thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also reported without amendment a bill for the relief of the township of Portland in the county of Ionia, and the question occurring upon ordering the same to be engrossed,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

Sundry amendments were made in the said bill by which its provisions were extended to the township of Wheatland, in the county of Hillsdale, and said bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill for the relief of Oliver Colt, having been also reported, without amendment,

Mr. Harvie moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken from the bill, which motion did not prevail;

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill to amend part first, title second of the Revised Statutes, was also reported without amendment, and

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The said bill was recommitted to the committee on elections for the purpose of making sundry corrections in the printed copy thereof.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, February 20, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adams—Of inhabitants of the village of Coldwater, for an alteration of the license laws. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Hazelton—Remonstrance of 55 citizens of the township of Gaines, against the division of said town. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Galloway—Of John A. Wendell and others, citizens of Oakland county, for the appointment of commissioners to lay out a certain State road. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Mac Leod—Of Colonel James L. Schoolcraft, 16th Regiment, M. M., for the alteration of the name of the township of Carnes. Referred to committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Groves—Of 109 citizens of Berrien county, for an act appointing commissioners to lay out a State road from St. Joseph to New Buffalo. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 18 inhabitants of Shiawassee and Saginaw counties, for the passage of resolutions against the annexation of Texas to the United States as slave territory. Referred to committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Schwarz—Of Peter Godfroy and others, for the opening of Fort street, in Detroit. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Wyman—Of the stockholders of the Cottonwood Swamp Turnpike Company, asking for an amendment of their charter. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Harvie—The claim of John M. Chase. Referred to committee on claims.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

"A bill to provide for laying out a State road from Union city to Bowman's mills;"

"A bill for the relief of the township of Westphalia in the county of Clinton;"

"A bill for the relief of the township of Portland in the county of Ionia, and the township of Wheatland in the county of Hillsdale;"

"A bill to provide for planking part of Michigan avenue in the city of Detroit;"

"A bill to amend an act providing for the organization of courts of special sessions;"

"A bill for the relief of Oliver Colt;" and

"A bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, county of Allegan, to build a free bridge across Kalamazoo river at or near its mouth."

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled,

"An act to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo," and

"An act to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburg railroad as a branch of the Southern railroad;"

And that said bills were thereupon presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was recommitted a "bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co.," reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

And said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Blair, from the committee on elections, to whom was referred the bill to amend part 1st, title 2d of the revised statutes, reported the same back with a correction of an error in printing.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Lucius Warner, asking relief for certain monies paid for school lands, reported in favor of granting the relief prayed for, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and the committee were discharged accordingly.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee appointed for that purpose, introduced a bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad company, and the bill was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Roof from a like committee, brought in a bill to provide for the survey of Grand River, which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

MESSAGE.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, February 20, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

"An act to amend 'an act authorizing William W. Bliss, admin-

istrator of Harvey Bliss, deceased, to convey certain real estate,' approved February 22, 1843,"

Also "an act for the relief of George Davis."

Also "an act to amend 'an act authorizing the construction of a waggon road on the line of the Northern railroad.'"

Also "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act for the destruction of wolves.'" JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Barbeau for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Vickery gave notice that at an early day he will ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia Association of the county of Kalamazoo.

Mr. Ecklee moved that the rule be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a preamble and joint resolution relative to a railway from Lake Michigan to the pacific Ocean.

The motion prevailed, and the preamble and joint resolution were thereupon introduced and referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Bancroft moved to instruct the committee to report the same back amended by adding a recommendation to build a bridge from the mouth of the Columbia river to China. Lost.

Mr. Wyman gave notice that on some future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Lucius Warner, in conformity with the report of the committee on public lands.

Mr. Ransom, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for, and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend chapter four, title one of part third of the Revised Statutes, and Messrs. Ransom, Bancroft and Cook, were appointed a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. A. S. Johnson,

The remonstrance of 144 inhabitants of the counties of Oakland and Genessee, against any alteration of the Pontiac and Grand River road, and asking for a certain appropriation, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Harvie gave notice that he would ask leave on some future

day, to bring in a bill to prescribe the duties of Masters in Chancery, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ecklee gave notice that he would to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Peleg Smith.

THE THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue, in the city of Detroit, having been announced for a third reading,

Mr. Menzie moved to lay the bill upon the table, and the yeas and nays having been ordered on said motion, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Ecklee,	Mr. Power,	
Andrews,	Fowler,	Ransom,	
Arnold,	Groves,	Roof,	
Barbeau,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Walker,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Cook,	Packer,	Wyman,	
Davis,	Pease,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Hill,	Richman,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,		29

The bill having been thereupon read the third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Jones,	Roof,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Rose,
Barbeau,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Steevens,
Compton,	Munger,	Stillson,
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Power,	Vickery,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Walker,
Hays,	Pullen,	Williams,

Hazelton,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hill,			37.

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pease,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Speaker,	
Fowler,			16

The "bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, county of Allegan, to build a free bridge across Kalamazoo river at or near its mouth;" the "bill to amend an act providing for the organization of courts of special sessions," and the "bill to provide for laying out a state road from Union City to Bowman's mills," were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill for the relief of Oliver Colt having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the bill on the table.

Upon this motion the yeas and nays were ordered and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pratt,	
Bancroft,	Hill,	Pullen,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Packer,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Wood,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Speaker,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Barbeau,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Ecklee,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Ransom,	Vickery,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Wyman,	24

The bills for the relief of the townships of Westphalia, Portland and Wheatland respectively coming up for a third reading,

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The said bills were recommitted to the committee of ways and

means with instructions to prepare and report a general bill to provide for the relief of townships similarly situated.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The chair announced as the special order of the day, the question upon the passage of the bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River Turnpike.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that all the members were present except Mr. Roof.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Further proceedings under the call were suspended, and the bil was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Pratt,	
Bancroft,	Harvie,	Richman,	
Barbeau,	Hazelton,	Roof,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnsonn,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Mac Leod,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Fowler,	Power,	Speaker,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Murray,	Stone,	
Groves,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hill,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,	Wood,	24

The House had under consideration the bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road, and the question being upon ordering the said bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Groves moved to lay the bill upon the table, but withdrew the motion to enable Mr. Power to introduce a motion that it be recommitted to the committee on internal improvement with instructions.

The motion of Mr. Power having been withdrawn,

Mr. Steevens moved to strike the word "thirty" from the second line of section one, and insert "twenty" instead.

Pending this motion, Mr. Groves renewed his motion to lay the bill upon the table, and the chair decided that the motion was not in order, inasmuch as another member of the House had the floor at the time of the renewal of said motion.

Mr. Groves appealed from the decision of the chair, but subsequently withdrew said appeal.

Mr. Steevens moved to adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Bancroft moved that the House take a recess until half past two o'clock, which the chair decided to be out of order.

Mr. Cartter appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, it was carried in the affirmative,

A point of order having been raised by Mr. Power, the chair decided that the same was embraced in a previous decision of the chair.

Mr. Steevens moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. Jones moved to amend by adding "until half past two o'clock this afternoon," which amendment prevailed, and the House adjourned accordingly.

Afternoon Session.

Half past 2 o'clock P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

And a quorum of members appeared.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Power for the remainder of this day.

The chair announced the question to be upon the motion to strike out the word "thirty" in the second line of section 1, and insert 'twenty' instead.

Mr. Speaker, (Mr. Pratt having been called to the chair,) moved to strike out of the bill all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Groves moved to lay the motion upon the table, and upon this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Shaw,
Blair,	Mason,	Stillson,
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,

Davis,	Packer,	Vickery,
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Groves,	Pullen,	Wyman,
Hays,		

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NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Roof,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Rose,
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Munger,	Steevens,
Fowler,	Murray,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Power,	Thompson,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Richman,	Speaker,
A. S. Johnson,		

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The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Pratt to strike out all after the enacting clause,

Mr. Menzie moved a call of the House, which prevailed, and it appeared that Mr. D. Johnson was absent without leave.

Mr. Cartter moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The Sergeant-at-arms was despatched for the absentee.

Mr. Hazelton moved that the vote just passed be reconsidered.—Lost.

Mr. Steevens moved that the House adjourn. Which motion was also lost.

Mr. Speaker moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with. Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The vote last taken was reconsidered, and further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The yeas and nays were ordered upon the motion to strike out, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stillson,
Andrews,	A. S. Jonhson,	Stone,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Vickery,
Cartter,	Murray,	Walker,
Compton,	Pease,	Williams,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Wood,

Galloway,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker.	
Hays,	Shaw,		26

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pratt,	
Blair,	Jones,	Richman,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Roof,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Rose,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Fowler,	Packer,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Power,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,			25

On motion of Mr. Speaker,

The enacting clause was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee had had under consideration "a resolution relating to the subject of internal improvement, and had directed their chairman to report progress thereon, and ask leave to sit again, which the House refused; and

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The House adjourned.

Friday, February 21, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment:

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Schwarz—Of Benjamin Lapham, for relief in the purchase of certain lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of inhabitants of the town of Mundy, that it may be changed to Scipio. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Williams—Of inhabitants of Washtenaw county, for an alteration of the license law. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the same—Of inhabitants of Washtenaw county, for a tax to be levied on dogs. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Mac Leod—Of 88 inhabitants of Detroit, for the legislature to take the same action that Massachusetts has taken to procure an amendment to the constitution of the United States on the subject of three fifths representation. Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Harvie—Of Douglass Houghton and 65 others of Macomb, Wayne, and Oakland, for the construction of a road, and the application of non-resident taxes for that purpose. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Stillson—Of citizens of Calhoun, for the construction of a branch of the Central Railroad, be made, connecting it with the wharves on the Detroit River. Referred to the committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Adams—Claim of E. Warren. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Harvie, from the committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road leading from Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia in the county of Ionia, reported the same back with the phraseology of the preamble corrected, at the same time declining responsibility for the general phraseology of the bill.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oakland and Genessee, praying for an appropriation of land for the improvement of the Pontiac and Grand River road, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report "a bill making an appropriation on the Pontiac and Grand River road," and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged and the said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the the whole.

Mr. Stillson, from the committee on towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to organize the township of Polk, reported that the

committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him as their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Report accepted, the committee discharged and the said bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary to whom were referred sundry bills from the Senate, reported the following back to the House and recommended the passage of said bills respectively:

A bill to amend an act to establish a board of county auditors of Wayne county, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844;

A bill authorize the building of a dam across River Raisin;

A bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erect a dam across Flat River in the county of Kent;

A bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of H. Norton Beckwith to change his name to Hadley Norton, reported a bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Pease,

The bill for the relief of Oliver Colt was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

Mr. Cartter moved that the title of the bill making an appropriation in aid of a wagon road on the line of the Northern railroad, be now taken from the table, which motion was lost.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on towns and counties be requested to report back to the House a bill to re-attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer.

On motion of Mr. Power,

Resolved, That the resolution of this House heretofore adopted, re-

quiring the clerk to procure a diagram of the House of Representatives, for the use of the members, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Mr. Cook offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies and expenditures be instructed to enquire whether the salaries and perquisites or compensation now paid to any of the officers of this state are too high, and whether any such officers are unnecessary, and can be dispensed with consistent with the public interest, and that in relation to said inquiry the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The committee on ways and means were substituted for the committee on supplies and expenditures, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Andrews gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill authorizing the appointment of special commissioners to expend certain non-resident highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road leading from the village of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien.

Mr. Wyman, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill for the relief Lucius Warner, and the chair appointed Messrs. Wyman, Mac Leod and Pease a committee to bring in the same.

Mr. Ecklee, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a preamble and joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, and Messrs. Ecklee, Packer and Humphrey were appointed a committee to bring in said preamble and joint resolution.

Mr. Vickery, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia Association, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Vickery, Arnold and Pullen a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Mason, in pursuance of previous notice asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company; and the chair appointed Messrs. Mason, Stone and Adams a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Harvie moved that the vote by which all after the enacting

clause of the bill making an appropriation in aid of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road, be reconsidered, which motion the Speaker decided not to be in order.

Mr. Pratt moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to take from the table the enacting clause of the bill making an appropriation in aid of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad.

Upon this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Humphry,	Richman,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Rose,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Walker,	
Groves,	Power,	Speaker,	
Harvie,	Pratt,		32

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Stillson,	
Compton,	Murray,	Stone,	
Eoklee,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Wood,	
D. Johnson,	Shaw,	Wyman,	18

And the question recurring on the original motion, it was carried in the affirmative, and the enacting clause of the bill was placed on the order of business before the House.

Mr. Cartter moved a reconsideration of the vote by which all after the enacting clause of the same bill was stricken out, which motion,

Upon the motion of Mr. Pratt, was laid upon the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road, leading from Kalamazoo, in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia, having been read a third time, was passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolutions offered by Mr. Bancroft relative to further appro-

priations upon the public works of this state, were taken from the table, and the same being under consideration before the House,

The chair announced that the question was upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Menzie, pending this question,

On motion of the Speaker,

(Mr. Wyman having been called to the chair,) the House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock, P. M.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 21, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, the bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The chair having announced the question to be upon concurring with the Senate in its amendments to the bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Jones,	Ransom,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Roof,
Bancroft,	Mason,	Rose,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Steevens,
Davis,	Munger,	Stillson,
Eastman,	Murray,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Power,	Speaker,
Hazelton,		31

NAYS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Shaw,
Carter,	A. S. Johnson,	Stone,

Compton,	D. Johnson,	Taylor,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pratt,		17

The Speaker announced that the amendments of the Senate were concurred in by the House; such concurrence requiring a majority only, and not a two-thirds vote.

From this opinion of the chair an appeal was taken by Mr. Hays, and upon the question "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?" the yeas and nays were ordered and the decision of the chair was reversed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Steevens,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Stillson,	
Ecklee,	Richman,	Stone,	
Harvie,	Schwarz,	Vickery,	
Hazelton,			18

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Power,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pratt,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Roof,	
Cartter,	Mgoon,	Rose,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Murray,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hays,			37

Mr. Mac Leod moved a reconsideration of said vote, and the motion prevailed.

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the subject now under consideration be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. Jones moved that the bill as amended be ordered printed.

The motion was lost, and the House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning, which the chair announced to be upon the amendment to the resolution relative to further appropriations upon the public works of this state.

Without having taken the question,

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, February 22, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Bancroft—Claims of J. N. Ingersoll and William L. Bancroft. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Stone—Claims of R. W. Ingalls, and E. G. Morton. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Fowler—Of Seth G. Willson and others, citizens of the county of Livingston, for the passage of a law authorizing the board of supervisors to levy a tax to build county buildings. Laid on the table.

By the same—Of citizens of Livingston county, in relation to the usury laws. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Stone—Of 53 inhabitants of Monroe county, for an alteration of the license laws. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Hill—Of citizens of Washtenaw county, for expunging the word white from the constitution. Referred to the committe on federal relations.

By Mr. Power—Of citizens of Livingston county, relative to appropriating non-resident highway taxes upon a certain state road.—Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to provide for the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock or bonds;

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes," approved January 26, 1844, and

An act authorizing the State Geologist to perform certain acts, and for other purposes;

And that the same had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Roof, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was

referred the several bills for the relief of the twnships of Westphalia, Wheatland and Portland, with instructions to prepare and report a general bill to provide for the relief of townships similarly situated, have instructed me to report a bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on the state library, reported a bill for the preservation of the state library, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Vickery, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia Association, and the same was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr Ecklee from the select committee appointed for that purpose brought in a preamble and joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, and the same was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Wyman, from a like committee, brought in a bill for the relief of Lucius Warner, which,

On motion of Mr. Wyman, (the rule having been suspended,)

Was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Ransom, from a similar committee, brought in a bill to amend chapter 4, title 1, part 3d of the revised statutes, and said bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, February 22, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

"An act to provide for the completion of the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo."

Also "an act to provide for the completion of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh railroad as a branch of the Southern railroad."

JNO. S. BARRY.

The following message was also announced from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate at the close of this morning's session, will adjourn to meet the members of the House in the Representative hall at half past two o'clock, P. M., of this day to hear the reading of Washington's Farewell address.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The "bill to amend Sec. 67, Chap. 3, title 3, part 1st of the Rev. Statutes, relative to the duty of County Surveyors" was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House, as was also,

On motion of Mr. Power,

The enacting clause of the bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail-Road.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Senate be respectfully invited to meet the House of Representatives, in the Hall, at half past two o'clock, to hear the Farewell Address of Washington read, and that the Speaker appoint a member of the House to read the same.

And the Speaker, in pursuance of the direction of the House, appointed the Hon. EDWARD C. BANCROFT the reader of said Address.

Mr. Andrews, in pursuance of previous notic, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrin, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Andrews, Rose and Shaw, a committee to bring in the bill.

Mr. Pitcher offered the following resolution, which was lost.

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement be requested to report a bill changing the terminus of the Central Rail Road from Detroit to Springwells.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Speaker announced as the unfinished business before the House, the question upon the amendment offered by Mr. Menzie to the resolutions relative to further appropriations upon the public works of this state.

The amendment having bden withdrawn, the question recurred upon the original resolutions; while the same were pending before the House,

Mr. Schwarz offered the following resolution, which with the unanimous consent of the House, was considered and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Executive and State Officers, and invite them, as also the commandant of the Frontier Guards and military now on duty, to attend in the hall of the House of Representatives at half past two o'clock this afternoon, to hear the Farewell Address of Gen. Washington read.

And the chair announced Generals Schwarz and Williams as such committee, who subsequently reported that they had discharged that duty, and that the said invitations had been severally accepted.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, and pending the same,

On motion of Mr. Jones.

The House adjourned to half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A committee of two was appointed to inform the Senate that the House were ready to meet the Senate in joint convention for the purpose set forth in their resolution of this day.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Pratt and Mac Leod as said com-

mittee, who soon after reported the discharge of the duty assigned them.

Senators Smith and Mason were announced as a similar committee from the Senate to inform the House that the Senate were ready to meet them in joint convention.

Thereupon the Honorable the Senate were announced and conducted to their seats.

THE JOINT CONVENTION

Was called to order by the President *pro tem.* of the Senate, and the rolls of the respective Houses were called, when the following Senators and Representatives answered to their names:

SENATORS.

Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Turner,
Cust,	Niles,	Videto,
Hale,	Richmond,	Williams,
Hart,	Smith,	President *pro tem.*
Littlejohn,	Thurber,	

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Arnold	D. Johnson,	Rose,
Bancroft,	Jones,	Schwarz,
Blair,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Mason,	Steevens,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Davis,	Menzie,	Stone,
Eastman,	Munger,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Murray,	Thompson,
Fowler,	Packer,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Pease,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Harvie,	Power,	Wood,
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hill,	Ransom,	

In pursuance of the invitation of the Hon. the Speaker, the farewell address of Washington was read by Mr. Bancroft; at the conclusion of which Mr. Mac Leod offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Edward C. Bancroft, for the able, eloquent, and impressive manner in which he has read the farewell address of the "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY."

On motion of Senator Cust,
The joint convention adjourned.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.
EZRA WILLIAMS,
Clerk of House of Rep.

The Speaker called the House to order, and
On motion of Mr. Harvie,
The House adjourned

Monday, February 24, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.
A quorum of members appeared.
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.
The journal of Saturday last was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Humphrey—Of citizens of Hilladale, for an alteration of the license law. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Hill—Of 53 citizens of Washtenaw county against the annexation of Texas, except on true whig and abolition principles. Referred to the committee on federal relations.

By Mr. Williams—Of inhabitants of Washtenaw county, for a law to prevent waste on school lands. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. Stone—Memorial of the Quarter Master General, on the subject of providing by law for the compensation of his service. Referred to the committee on the militia.

Also, remonstrance of 51 inhabitants of the township of Dundee, in the county of Monroe, against the enacting of a law authorizing the construction of a dam across the river Raisin. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the joint resolutions from the Senate relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, reported that the committee had had the

same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and recommend their passage.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the petition of E. Corning & Co., relative to a claim for spikes furnished for the Central Rail Road, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report a joint resolution, recommend its adoption, and ask that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stillson, from the committee on towns and counties, to whom were referred various petitions for the organizing of new townships, for the division of divers townships; also, a petition to vacate part of the village plat of Rawsonville, reported that the committee had had the said several petitions under consideration, and have instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said subjects respectively.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the said bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stillson, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Genessee county, asking that part of the township of Flushing in said county be attached to the township of Gaines, in said county;

The petition of divers citizens of the county of Allegan for the division of the township of Watson in said county;

The petition of Richard Bell and others, citizens of the township of Decatur in the county of Allegan, asking for a division of said township;

Together with remonstrances of citizens of the same counties, against the prayer of the said several petitions;

Have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to report adversely upon them respectively, &c.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, reported that

the committee had had the same under consideration, and report the same back, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Andrews, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to provide for the improvement of the stage road between the villages of Paw Paw and St. Joseph, and the said bill was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The joint resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee was also taken from the table;

And (the rule having been suspended,) the same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Blair for an indefinite period, and

On motion of Mr. Fowler,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Power until Wednesday next.

The House resumed the unfinished business, which was announced to be upon the resolution relative to further appropriations upon the public works of this state.

Previous to the question being taken upon the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

The House took a recess until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

And a quorum of members appeared.

The House had under consideration the unfinished business of the forenoon, namely, the resolution relative to the further prosecution of the public works of this State.

Before taking the question, Mr. Hays asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That for the purpose of renewing the superstructure of the Palmyra and Jacksonburg railroad, as contemplated in the act approved February 22d, 1845, and for completing the Central railroad between Marshall and Kalamazoo, the Acting Commissioner of Internal Improvement be and he is hereby authorized and required to advertise for the letting of the contracts for the purposes aforesaid for the period of fifteen days only, and at the expiration of the fifteen days noted, that the said Acting Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to let said contracts pursuant to law, any act heretofore passed to the contrary notwithstanding.

And the same (the rule having been suspended) was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, February 25, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Stilson—Memorial of G. N. Turner, concerning internal improvement warrants stolen from him in September last. Referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Galloway from the committee on roads and bridges to whom was referred petitions from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Ionia and Kent, praying for the appropriation of non-resident highway taxes on the Clinton road, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report a bill to provide for the establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Boston, in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road; and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharg-

ed, and the bill was read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee reported the following:

The committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of Lemuel Castle, and others, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the commissioners of highways in the township of Bennington to make alterations in a certain State road, have had the same under consideration and have instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill, and to recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to authorize the commissioners of highways in the township of Bennington to make alterations in a certain state road.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration a bill to provide for taking the census.

Much diversity of opinion appears to subsist as to the propriety of vesting the appointment of suitable persons to take the census in the boards of supervisors, in the several counties, as is provided in the bill. It is questionable whether the power should not rather be vested in the Governor, or sheriffs of the counties.

Without committing themselves as to the propriety of this, and several minor details in the bill, your committee have thought it advisable to report it back and *proforma* to recommend its passage.

The said bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. R. Haynes, for the passage of an act granting him the privilege of building a dam across the Paw Paw river, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instruc-

ting their chairman to report, in conformity with the prayer of the petitioner, a "bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren," which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee on the militia, reported as follows:

The committee on the militia have instructed their chairman to represent to the House, the impossibility of organizing and regulating the militia satisfactorily to themselves or beneficially to the State, so long as the constitutional difficulty in article ten, section four exists, and which is in the following words: "And the money which shall be paid by persons as the equivalent for military duty, shall be exclusively applied to the support of township libraries." They have, therefore, directed me to introduce the accompanying joint resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution; and the same were thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Schwarz, from the select committee to whom was committed a bill entitled "a bill to regulate the militia," reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had made several amendments thereto, and instructed their chairman to report the bill as amended and to recommend the concurrence and its passage by the House, and to ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill as amended was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the select committee to whom was refered the subject of a sale of the public works of this State, reported a bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad Company and authorize the sale of the Southern and Central railroads, and the same was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MESSAGE.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 24, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives "a joint resolution relative to the appointment of a joint committee to visit and examine the State Prison," which the Senate have adopted and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The said joint resolutions were thereupon (the rule having been suspended) read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Rose,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Stone,	
Fowler,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Hays,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Richman,	Speaker,	33

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Vickery,	
Compton,	Mason,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Wood,	15

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Roof gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the State.

Mr. Jones gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to incorporate Olivet College.

Mr. Vickery moved that the rule be suspended, and that the question be now taken upon the final passage of the bill for the relief of

Oliver Colt, which motion prevailed, and the bill (having been previously read a third time) was passed.

Mr. Bancroft moved that the Senate bill to provide for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes, be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, and the motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

Resolved, That the Auditor General be requested to inform this House at an early day, whether, under the act (No. 96) approved March 11, 1844, he has received any notices of the designation by county treasurers, of newspapers for the publication of delinquent tax lists; and to furnish such other infor mation as he may possess on the subject of said publications.

On motion Mr. Mac Leod,

The bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes, was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution relative to the further prosecution of the public works of this State.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the same was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,	
Bancroft,	Mgoon,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Roof,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Compton,	Jones,	Stillson,
Cook,	Mason,	Stone,
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Taylor,

Ecklee,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hays	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,		32

Mr. Taylor moved that the House do now take a recess until half-past two o'clock, P. M., which motion did not prevail.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the special order, Mr. MacLeod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration sundry bills relating to the subject of internal improvement, had progressed therein, and instructed their chairman to ask leave to sit again.

The House granted leave accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and a quorum of members answered to the call of the House.

The House again resolved itself into the committee of the whole, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole had had under consideration a bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes;

A bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, and

A bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River, in the county of Kent, and had instructed their chairman to report progress thereon, and ask leave to sit again.

Leave was accordingly granted.

The chairman further reported that the committee had also had under consideration a bill to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph, and

A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater, and had instructed their chairman to report sundry amendments to said bills respectively, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The amendments made in committee of the whole to the bill No. 30, providing for the extension of the Central railroad, were, on motion of Mr. Pratt, considered separately, and the same were severally concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pratt moved to amend section one by inserting after the word "bridging," in the third line, the words "and superstructure," and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Richman,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Rose,	Speaker,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	27

Mr. Roof moved to amend section two by striking out the word "forty," in the second line, and inserting "thirty" instead, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Richman,
Arnold,	Hazelton,	Roof,
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Rose,
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Jones,	Shaw,
Davis,	Packer,	Taylor,

Fowler,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Pratt,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Wood,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,		26

Mr. Bancroft offered the following as a substitute for section 2 of the bill:

Sec. 2. That there be, and hereby is appropriated, the following amount of the lands heretofore granted to the State by the General Government for the purpose of internal improvement, and which have been offered for sale, at public auction, and remain unsold; and warrants shall be drawn in the usual form by the Auditor General, payable in said lands, and in no other way, to wit:

For the extension of the Central Rail Road from the village of Kalamazoo to St. Joseph, one hundred and twenty thousand acres;

For the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Road, twenty thousand acres;

For improving the Kalamazoo river, ten thousand acres;

For the construction of a canal around the rapids of Grand River, fifteen thousand acres;

For locking the Clinto n and Kalamazoo Canal into the Clinton River, fourteen thousand acres;

For improving the Saginaw road between Flint and Saginaw, three thousand acres;

For the improvement of the Shiawassee river, five thousand acres;

For improving Flint river, five thousand acres;

For the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, two thousand acres;

For improving the Pontiac and Grand River road, three thousand acres;

For the extension of the Southern railroad from Hillsdale to Coldwater, forty thousand acres;

Mr. MacLeod offered the following addition:

"Five hundred acres for the construction of a bridal path from the mouth of the Pine River, opposite the Islands of Mackinac, to the village of Sault Ste Marie,

And the said amendment was accepted by Mr. Brncroft.

Mr. Wyman offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

"And five thousand acres to aid in the construction of a road through the Cotton Wood Swamp, in the counties of Lenawee and Monroe."

Mr. Schwarz offered the following amendment:

"Also two thousand acres for the clearing out and improving the middle branch of the River Rouge.

And the amendment prevailed.

The question recurring on the substitute for section 2, as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Rose,	
Fowler,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Galloway,	Mac Leod,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Munger,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	Jones,	Shaw,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Compton,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wood,	24
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,	Richman,		38

Mr. Harvie offered the following proviso:

Provided that all expenses incurred for surveying and securing the right of way of said route be paid only out of the appropriation hereby made.

And the yeas and nays having been ordered thereon, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Carter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Richman,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Roof,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Rose,	Speaker,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pullen,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pease,	Wyman,	
Hays,			25

Mr. Pratt moved that the House do now adjourn. The motion did not prevail.

Mr. Harvie offered the following proviso:

Provided, that the right of way, so far as the village of Paw Paw be secured, before any action is had under the provisions of this act.

And the the same was rejected (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Jonhson,	Mr. Rose,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Carter,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Richman,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Roof,	Speaker.	
Hazelton,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	27

Mr. Steevens moved to strike out the words "one hundred and forty" from the second line of section two, and insert "two hundred" instead.

And the question being upon striking out as proposed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to strike out by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Rose,
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Carter,	Jones,	Steevens,
Cook,	Murray,	Taylor,
Davis,	Pratt,	Thompson,
Fowler,	Richman,	Wood,
Galloway,	Roof,	Speaker,
Harvie,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Magoon,	Ransom,
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Vickery,
Groves,	Packer,	Walker,
Hays,	Pease,	Williams,
Hill,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Humphrey,		28

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting the substitute for section two, offered by Mr. Bancroft.

Mr. Carter moved to lay the question of reconsideration upon the table, which was lost.

And the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was also lost.

Mr. Roof offered the following amendment to section two to be inserted after the word "land" in the second line, "lying within the Ionia land office district."

The amendment did not prevail, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, February 26, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adams—Of Albert Chandler and 48 others, citizens of Branch county, for a law to support common schools by general tax. Referred to the committee on education.

By Mr. Stillson—Of sundry citizens of school district No. 1, Battle Creek, for a law authorizing them to borrow money or raise a tax. Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Thompson—Of 25 inhabitants of Clinton county for an appropriation of twenty thousand acres of land for the improvement of the Shiawassee river. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Bowman, from the committee on towns and counties, to whom was referred a bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer as part of the territory and jurisdiction thereof, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the house with a recommendation that the bill do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged and the bill read the 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter 4, title 1, part 3d of the revised statutes, reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of school district No. 1 of the township of Battle Creek, praying that a law may be passed authorizing said district to borrow money or raise a tax for district purposes, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had instructed their chairman to report a bill in

accordance with the prayer of the petitioners and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were discharged, and the bill to authorize school district No. 1 in the township of Battle Creek in the county of Calhoun, to borrow money and raise a tax for district purposes, was read a first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 25, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road leading from Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia in the county of Ionia, which they have passed with sundry amendments, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The question having been announced to be upon the concurrence of the House in the amendments of the Senate to said bill, the same were concurred in.

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 26, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a bill to regulate the fisheries in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a road from Victor to the new mill in Duplane;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Ann Arbor to Moorsville, and

A bill concerning certain records of the circuit court for the county of Oakland, which several bills the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

I am also instructed to return to the House a bill to provide for the construction of a certain state road from the village of Schoolcraft,

in Kalamazoo county, to where said roads intersects the territorial road from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph in Berrien county, which the Senate have passed without amendment; and

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a state road from the village of Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada, in the county of Kent;

Which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to regulate the fisheries in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on federal relations.

The bill to provide for laying out and establishing a road from Victor to the new mill in Duplane, and the bill to provide for laying out a state road from Ann Arbor to Moorsville, were severally read a first and second time referred to the committee of the whole.

The bill concerning certain records of the circuit court for the county of Oakland, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The House concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill to provide for establishing and constructing a road from the village of Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada, in the county of Kent.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Jones, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Olivet College, and the chair appointed Messrs. Jones, Thompson and Power a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Ecklee gave notice that on a future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill or joint resolution to provide for the payment of damages for which the state is liable to John Silk.

Mr. Bancroft gave notice that he would hereafter bring in a bill to amend the school law.

Mr. Schwarz gave notice that on some future day he would ask

leave to introduce a joint resolution for the payment of the balance due Patrick Killfoil for work done on Central Railroad.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the extension of the Central rail road from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph.

Mr. Wood offered the following proviso to section two:

"Provided, however, that said board shall not be authorized to let any contract under this act, unless the warrants of this State already issued shall be worth in the market at least seventy cents on the dollar."

On this proviso the yeas and nays were ordered, and the same was lost by following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Carter,	Munger,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Murray,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Power,	Wood,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	20

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Davis,	Menzie,	Stone,
Eastman,	Packer,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman, 36

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert a substitute for the whole bill which he sent up.

Mr. Eastman moved that the question upon striking out and inserting be taken separately, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Wood moved to amend the amendment by inserting the following proviso:

"Provided, however, that said board shall not be authorized to let

any contract under this act unless the warrants of this State already issued shall be worth in the market at least sixty cents on the dollar."

And the yeas and nays having been ordered, the proviso was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Munger,	Steevens,
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Power,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wood,
Harvie,	Roof,	Speaker,
A. S. Johnson,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Compton,	Mac Leod,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Stone,
Eastman,	Packer,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,
Hazelton,		28

Mr. Steevens moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the word "sixty" and inserting "fifty," which motion (the yeas and nays having been ordered) did not prevail by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Munger,	Steevens,
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Power,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Roof,	Speaker,
A. S. Johnson,		25

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Stone,

Eastman,	Packer,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hays,			25

Mr. Steevens moved to strike out "sixty" from the amendment and insert "forty;" and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the proposition was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Carter,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Fowler,	Power,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Roof,	Speaker,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pullen,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Compton,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Packer,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pease,	Wyman,	27

Mr. Stillson moved that the House take a recess until half past 2 o'clock P. M. Lost.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Pratt, to strike out all after the enacting clause, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Steevens,	
Bancroft,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Carter,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Power,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Rose,	Wood,	
Hill,	Schwarz,	Speaker.	
A. S. Johnson,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	

Compton,	Jones,	Roof,	
Cook,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Fowler,	Packer,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pease,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Pitcher,		29

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House took up for consideration, the bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Rail Road from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater; and the question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole House in its amendments to said bill, the same were concurred in, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

And upon calling the roll, a quorum of members appeared in their seats.

Mr. Jones, from the select committee, appointed for the purpose of bringing in a bill to incorporate Olivet College, asked for, and obtained the unanimous consent of the House, to bring in said bill; and the same was thereupon referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The chair announced as the unfinished business before the House, the "bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road;" and

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The said bill was laid upon the table.

The House then had under consideration the enacting clause of the bill making appropriations for a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road.

Mr. Bancroft moved to amend by engrafting upon the enacting clause, a bill appropriating twenty thousand acres of the public land toward the construction of said road.

Mr. Stillson moved to strike out "twenty" and insert "fifteen," which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Murray,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Packer,	Stone,	
Davis,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Power,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Hazelton,	Richman,		38

NAYS.

Mr. Compton,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Vickery,	
Groves,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Humphrey,			10

The question was then announced to be upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, and it was carried in the affirmative (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Cook,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Davis,	Packer,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Fowler,	Power,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Ransom,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

Mr. Compton,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Vickery,	
Groves,	Menzie,	Williams,	

Hill,	Murray,	Wood,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,		11

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Harvie for the remainder of the day.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole Mr. MacLeod in the chair, on the special orders of the day; and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration a bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes;

And a bill to improve the navigation of Flint River, and had instructed their chairman to report the said bills severally without amendment.

Also that the committee had had under consideration a bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in the county of Kent, and had made sundry amendments therein, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in the amendments of the committee of the whole, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Bill number 28, to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal into the Clinton river, being under consideration,

Mr. Steevens moved to insert after the word "appropriated" in the second line of section 1, the words "twelve thousand acres," which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

"Ten thousand" was inserted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House had also under consideration, a bill to improve the navigation of Flint river.

Mr. Vickery moved to amend section 1, by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"Also, two thousand acres for the improvement of the Kalamazoo river, between the villages of Kalamazoo and Allegan." Lost.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The word "ten" was stricken from the 3rd line of section 1, and the word "five" inserted instead; and the said bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Groves in the chair, upon the special order, being the Senate "bill to provide for the sale of lands for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes;" and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and reported progress, and asked for leave to sit again.

Leave having been granted,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Johnson—Claim of John Rouse. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Stone—Of L. Danah and others, of Monroe county, for an act to incorporate a company to build a macadamized road, in said county. Referred to committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Ransom—Of 56 citizens of Kalamazoo, for an alteration of the territorial road in said county. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Groves—Of 70 citizens of Berrien county, for appropriations to extend the Central and Southern Rail Roads. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Thompson—Of inhabitants of Clinton county, against the laying out a certain State road, and appropriating non-resident tax on the same. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pitcher from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the petition of 72 citizens of Berrien county, relative to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of the Galien River, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had instructed their chairman to report the accompanying preamble and joint resolutions, and recommend their passage, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the preamble and joint resolution were read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pitcher, from the same committee, to whom was referred the preamble and joint resolutions relative to the construction of a rail road from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, reported the same back to the House, and recommended their reference to a select committee and asked to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the preamble and joint resolution referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ecklee, Wyman, Mac Leod, Cartter and Groves.

Mr. Pitcher, from the same committee, reported that they had also had under consideration a joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey, which they reported back and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged, and the joint resolution referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to provide for laying out a State road from Ann Arbor to Moorville, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage, and the bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, concerning certain records of the Circuit Court, of the county of Oakland, reported the same back to the House and recommend its passage, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to provide for the extension of the Central Rail Road from the village of Kalamazoo, to the village of St. Joseph.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Rail Road from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater.

A bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton River, at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes.

A bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a waggon road on the line of the Northern Rail Road.

A bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids, on Grand River, in the county of Kent.

A bill to improve the navigation of Flint River.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims reported that certain claims referred to that committee be allowed, as follows:

A. McFarren, for stationery furnished House of Representatives, 1843, $5,00;

W. L. Bancroft, for printing notice of Adjutant General, $5,00;

J. N. Ingersoll, for printing the same, $5,00;

And recommended that the said claims be referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to provide for the same in the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee further reported that the committee had had under consideration the following claims:

R. W. Ingals, for printing;

H. E. Perry, for repairs to the capitol;

E. G. Morton, for printing;

And reported the same recommending the said bills to be laid on table, the authentication of said claims not having been furnished to the committee.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Olivet college, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, committee discharged, and the said bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Roof, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the sale of the Salt Spring lands belonging to the state, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Roof Murray and Power a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, and

On motion of Mr. Munger,

The bill to organize the county of Polk, were severally taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

Mr. Bancroft, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act relative to primary schools; and the chair announced Messrs. Bancroft, Ransom and Stillson, as a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Rose gave notice, that after all the bills making appropriations of lands, now pending before this House, shall have passed, he will ask leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation of all the lands left, belonging to the State, for the purpose of removing the obstructions in Milk river, in the counties of Macomb and Wayne, so as to give the cat-fish an opportunity of running up said river, for the accomodation of the inhabitants living in that vicinity.

Mr. Wyman offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the Governor to appoint an agent to visit New York and other Atlantic cities, for the purpose of encouraging foreign and domestic emigration to the State of Michigan, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road, was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal into the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick, and for other pur-

poses, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Cartter asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to offer the following amendment to the bill: Strike out of section 1 the words "ten thousand acres" and insert the words "so much as may be necessary."

The said amendment was adopted, and thereupon the bill was passed.

The bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Rail Road from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bancroft,	Jones,	Roof,
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Shaw,
Compton,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Munger,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Stone,
Fowler,	Pease,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hays	Power,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	35

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Taylor,
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Vickery,
Cook,	Mgoon,	Walker,
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,
Galloway,	Ransom,	Speaker,
Harvie,	Rose,	17

The bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids, on Grand River, in the county of Kent, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed hy the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Blair,	Jones,	Roof,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Menzie,	Shaw,

Eastman,	Munger,	Steevens,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Stillson,
Fowler,	Pease,	Stone,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Taylor,
Groves,	Power,	Thompson,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Humphrey,		34

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	Hill,	Vickery,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Walker,
Compton,	Mason,	Williams,
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Speaker, 18

The question being upon the titles to the bill,

Mr. Roof asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to offer the following amendment, which was adopted;

Add at the end of the title the words "and for other purposes."

The bill to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph, having been read a third time was passed, (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Jones,	Roof,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Rose,
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Shaw,
Compton,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Cook,	Munger,	Stillson,
Eastman,	Murray,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Pease,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Vickery,
Groves,	Power,	Walker,
Hays,	Pratt,	Williams,
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Wood,
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,
Humphrey,		46

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,
Cartter,	Harvie,	Speaker, 6

The bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad, having been read

a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Blair,	Jones,	Rose,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Munger,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Packer,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Stone,
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Power,	Thompson,
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	32

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Shaw,
Arnold,	Hill,	Vickery,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Walker,
Compton,	Mason,	Williams,
Davis,	Menzie,	Wood,
Groves,	Murray,	Speaker,
Harvie,	Pullen,	20

The bill to improve the navigation of Flint River having been read a third time, was passed (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Ransom,
Blair,	Mason,	Richmon,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Roof,
Cook,	Munger,	Schwarz,
Eastman,	Packer,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Pease,	Taylor,
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Thompson,
Hays,	Power,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	20

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Rose,
Andrews,	Hill,	Shaw,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Stone,
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Vickery,
Compton,	Magoon,	Walker,
Davis,	Menzie,	Williams,
Galloway,	Murray,	Wood,
Groves,	Pullen,	Speaker, 24

The Speaker then announced the question to be upon the passage

of the bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road.

Mr. Galloway asked for the unanimous consent of the House to offer an amendment to said bill.

Objection having been made,

On motion of Mr. A. S. Johnson,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on roads and bridges, with instructions to strike out the word "three" in the third line of section one, and insert the word "one" instead.

The question being upon the passage of the bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimacinac and Chippewa and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary with instructions: First, to add a proviso to end of section 7, as follows:

"Provided, that such warrant or other process shall be issued in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as they are or may hereafter be issued by justices of the supreme court, judges of the circuit court, and justices of the peace."

Add a new section as section 8, as follows:

"The said district attorney, whenever he shall deem it expedient, may by written authority endorsed on such warrant or other process empower any suitable person, being of lawful age, to execute the same; And the person so empowered shall thereupon possess the same authority, and be subject to the same obligations as a sheriff or other ministerial officer in relation to the execution of such process."

The question was then announced to be upon the passage of the bill to organize the county of Polk, and the yeas and nays having been ordered it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Rose,	
Bowman,	Harvie,	Stevens,	
Carttar,	A. S. Johnson,	Taylor,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Williams,	
Fowler,	Munger,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,	18

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NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Roof,	
Blair,	Menzie,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Murray,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Packer,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Stone,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Walker,	
Humphrey,	Power,	Wyman,	
D. Johnson,	Ransom,		29

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration the bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Sundry amendments were made to the bill, and it was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Carter in the chair;

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration a joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain university lands, which he was directed to report without amendment.

And the said joint resolution was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Also a joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the State land office to convey certain lands to Jeremiah Silver;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Jacob Rhines;

And a bill to change the name of Michigan Village;

Which the committee had also instructed their chairman to report without amendment; and the said bill and joint resolutions were severally ordered to a third reading.

The chairman further reported that the committee had also considered a joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, and had made an amendment thereto in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

Previous to the question being taken upon concurring with the committee of the whole,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The said joint resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. MacLeod offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the standing committees of this House be directed to report what business is before them on or before next Saturday morning.

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means and the committee on supplies and expenditures be excepted from the above resolution.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac, &c., with instructions to make sundry amendments therein, asked for and obtained leave to report the same back to the House amended in conformity with said instructions, and said bill, having been previously read a third time, was passed.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Power and Davis as members of the joint committee on the part of the House to visit the state prison

Mr. Galloway from the committee on roads any bridges, asked for and obtained leave to report a bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Saginaw road between the village of Flint in Genesee county, and Saginaw city in the county of Saginaw, and building a bridge across Cass river on the line of said road; and said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee, to whom was referred the "bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road," with instructions to amend the same, reported the said bill back to the House amended in conformity with said instructions.

Pending the question on the final passage of said bill,

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The House adjourned

Friday, February 28, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of S. N. Gantt for stationery furnished the legislature up to February 26, 1845. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Hays—Of 150 citizens of Calhoun county for a branch of the Central railroad to be constructed to the Detroit river. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad Company and authorize the sale of the Southern and Central railroads, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed him to report the same back to the House and advise its passage and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed him to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

And the said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee to whom was referred the petition of the stockholders of the Cotton-wood Swamp turnpike company, praying an amendment to their charter, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report a bill in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners, and ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the bill to revise and extend an act entitled an act to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbornville, approved March 22, 1827, reported the same back to the House, and recommended its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were discharged, and the bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway from the same committee to whom was referred a bill to authorize the commissioners of the township of Jackson in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes, reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged.

The committee were discharged, and the said bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee to whom was referred the petition of John Bidder and others, for an appropriation to repair certain bridges, reported the same back to the House, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary; and the same was referred accordingly.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, and a joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain University lands.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled a bill to provide for establishing and constructing a road from the village of Lyons, in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada, in the county of Kent.

A bill to provide for the construction of a certain state road from the village of Schoolcraft, in Kalamazoo county, to where said road intersects the territorial road from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph, in Berrien county, and

A bill to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road leading from Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia, and that the same had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Schwarz, from the committee on the militia, to whom was referred the memorial of the Quarter Master General, relating to the mode of his compensation, reported a "bill to provide for the compensation of the Quarter Master General;" which said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Hays, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred a bill for improving the navigation of Galien river, and for other purposes; and

A bill to provide for the survey of Grand River, reported that the committee had had said bills under consideration, and had instructed their chairman to report adversely to their passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Committee discharged, and said bills referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Bancroft, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to amend an act relative to primary schools.

And said bill was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Roof, from a like committee, brought in a bill to provide for the sale of the Salt Spring lands belonging to the State.

And said bill was referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Mason, from a like committee, brought in a bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford Road Company.

And the same was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Auditor General, which was read and laid upon the table:

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Detroit, February 28, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have this morning, received a copy of a resolution which appears to have passed your body on the 25th inst., to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Auditor General be requested to imform this House, at an early day, whether, under the act (No. 96,) approved March 11, 1844, he has received any notices of the designation by county treasurers, of newspapers for the publication of delinquent tax lists; and furnish such other information as he may possess on the subject of such publications."

I have received notices of designations of papers from Branch, Ingham, St. Joseph, Genessee, and Kent counties; and also, notices of double selections from Hillsdale and Kalamazoo counties.

In the two latter counties the outgoing treasurers designated papers before they left office, and the same duty has also been discharged by their successors. I am also indirectly informed that a similar zeal has been manifested in one or two other counties.

It may be proper to say, that a zeal so ardent, as to discharge any other duty enjoined by the tax law, twice, has not before been discovered.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. G. HAMMOND,
Aud. Gen.

And the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 27, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river;

A bill to establish a board of state auditors to investigate and settle certain claims growing out of the sales of the primary school, state building, salt spring, university, and internal improvement lands;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grandville to Grand Haven;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon lake; and

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon river, which several bills the Senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also, to return to the House the joint resolution authorizing the acting commissioner of internal improvement to let the contracts upon the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad, and to complete the Central Railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo, and inform the House that the Senate have concurred therein; and

Also, to return the bill to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a state road commencing at the quarter post between sections twenty-three and twenty-six, town four north of range ten west in the county of Barry, thence by the most direct and eligible route

to the village of GrandRapids in Kent county, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Your ob't servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

Mr. Cook moved that the rule requiring that the bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river be referred to a standing committee of the House, be suspended, and that said bill be now considered.

The motion was lost and the bill referred to the committee on internal improvement:

The bill to establish a board of state auditors to investigate and settle certain claims growing out of the sales of the primary school, state building, salt spring, university and internal improvement lands, was referred to the committee on public lands.

The bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grandville to Grand Haven;

The bill io provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon lake; and

The bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon river, were severally referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Ecklee gave notice that on a future day he would ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Grand River institute in the county of Lenawee.

Mr. Bancroft gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to bring in a bill for laying out and establishing a state road from the village of Palmer to the village of Riley, in the county of St. Clair.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The claims of H. E. Perry, R. W. Ingalls and E. G. Morton were taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on claims.

Mr. Eastman offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That after Tuesday next no new bills on any subject not now under consideration, or heretofore referred shall be introduced, except bills that are to be reported by the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Power in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained

leave to introduce a bill to authorize sheriffs to do business in justices courts, and for other purposes, and the chair appointed Messrs. Power, Thompson and Fowler a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Power moved that the vote on the passage of the bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater, be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table one day.

On the motion to lay on the table the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was negatived by the following vote, (Messrs. Carter and Cook having been excused from voting :)

YEAS.

Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Steevens,	
Harvie,	Packer,	Wood,	
Hill,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Ransom,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Blair,	Jones,	Roof,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Fowler,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Groves,	Power,	Wyman,	
Hays,			34

The motion to reconsider was withdrawn by the mover.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolusion :

Resolved, That the board of internal improvement be requested to report to this House without delay, the estimated cost of constructing the Southern railroad beyond Hillsdale, and the Central beyond Kalamazoo, per mile ready for the iron.

Mr. Compton moved to strike out the words "without delay," and insert the words "as soon as practicable," and add the following :

"And further, the estimated cost of completing the Northern wagon road, the building of the canal around the Grand Rapids on Grand River ; also the cost of completing the improvement of the Flint and Kalamazoo rivers."

Mr. Bancroft moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution, which motion prevailed, by the follwing vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Power,
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Pullen,
Bancroft,	Hill,	Ransom,
Blair,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Compton,	Jones,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Mason,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Stone,
Fowler,	Packer,	Walker,
Galloway,	Pease,	Williams,
Groves,	Pitcher,	32

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Thompson,
Cook,	Murray,	Vickery,
Davis,	Pratt,	Wood,
Harvie,	Rose,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	Speaker,
Magoon,	Steevens,	17

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the passage of the bill to provide for the extension of the Central railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph.

Mr. Hazelton moved a call of the House, which did not prevail ; and the question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Schwarz,
Cook,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,
Davis,	Murray,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker, 12

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Mason,	Stillson,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,
Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Hays,	Power,	Wyman,
Hazelton,		34

Mr. Pratt asked the unanimous consent of the House to change his several votes on the appropriation bills respectively, except the vote on the passage of the bill to provide for the improvement of the Flint river.

Objection having been made,

Mr. Pratt renewed his motion for the reconsideration of the vote upon the passage of the Southern railroad bill, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion to reconsider was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Schwarz,
Cook,	Murray,	Steevens,
Davis,	Pratt,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Richman,	Wood,
Harvie,	Rose,	Speaker,
Hill,		16

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Power,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pullen,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Mason,	Stillson,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Eastman,	Munger,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,
Fowler,	Pease,	Williams,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Hays,		31

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Arnold until Tuesday next.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the state land office to convey certain land to Jeremiah Silver;

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Jacob Rhines;

The joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain university lands;

The bill to change the name of Michigan Village, and

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, were severally read the third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The chair announced as the unfinished business before the House

the question upon the passage of the bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road,

Mr. Galloway moved a call of the House, which was ordered, when it appeared that Messrs. Arnold and Barbeau were absent on leave, and Messrs. Fowler, Harvie, Humphrey, Jones, Munger and Taylor were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Further proceedings under the call were suspended; when the question was taken, (the yeas and nays having been ordered,) the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Rose,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Schwarz,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Steevens,	
A. S. Johnson,	Richmon,	Thompson,	
MacLeod,	Roof,	Wyman,	
Pease,			16

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Hill,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Vickery,	
Compton,	Mason,	Walker,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Speaker,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,		39

The House took up for consideration the bill to amend section 67, chapter three, title three, of part one, of the revised statutes, relative to the duty of county surveyors.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The bill was re-committed to a select committee with instructions to amend the same as follows:

That section 70 of said chapter be amended by striking out said section and inserting the following: "The county surveyor and his deputies shall receive for their services, a sum not exceeding three dollars per day, and for each mile he shall travel in going to, and returning from the land surveyed, six cents; and for recording each survey, fifty cents; for a plat and certificate, fifty cents; for a copy fifty cents."

And said committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Hazelton, Thompson, Roof, Power and Schwarz.

The House then took up for consideration "the bill to modify the license law;" and the question recurring upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Richman,	
Bancroft,	Hill,	Roof,	
Blair,	Mgoon,	Schwarz,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Cook,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Wyman,	30

NAYS.

Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Steevens,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	Speaker,	
D. Johnson,			7

Mr. Johnson moved that the House takea recess until half past two o'clock.

Mr. MacLeod moved to amend by substituting, that the House do now adjourn; which motion prevailed, and the House was declared to be adjourned until half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, March 1, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Blair—Of 202 inhabitants of Lenawee county, for an alteration in the license laws. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Eastman—Of 37 inhabitants of Lenawee county, for a law

to provide for the appraisal of damages by the overflowing of mill ponds. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By Mr. Adams—Remonstrance of James Churchill and others, against the division of the township of Bronson. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By the same, Of Martin Olds and 74 other tax payers of the township of Batavia, county of Branch, for the appropriation of highway taxes on the state road in said township. Referred to committee on roads and bridges.

REPORTS.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia Association, have had the same under consideration, and the majority of said committee have instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Cartter, from the same committee reported as follows:

The undersigned, a minority of said committee, dissent from the recommendation in the above report.

1st. Because associations of the character asking to be chartered, by this bill, in the opinion of the undersigned, tend to sap the foundation of good society.

2d. Because if said association should be successful in its operations, (with the capital asked) it would in a great measure control the agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests of the state and with a powerful influence in its politics, which could hardly be controlled by the people.

3d. Because there is in this state sufficient individual enterprise to carry on every branch of home industry and commerce that is need-

ed by the people of this state, and such enterprise should never be brought in competition with wealthy chartered associations.

H. CARTTER,
H. MASON.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred three several petitions from sundry citizens of the county of Livingston, praying that commissioners be appointed to lay out a state road from Brighton in said county, to Fentonville, in the county of Genessee, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

Also, Senate bills No. 41, 42, and 43, and have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill to provide for laying out a certain state road, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole. As was also Senate bills No. 41, 42 and 43.

Mr. Galloway, from the same committee, in obedience to a resolution from the House, further reported that the committee have now under consideration, fourteen petitions, praying for laws authorizing the appointment of commissioners to alter, lay out, and establish state roads.

Mr. Harvie, from the committee on education, to whom was referred a bill to amend the act relative to primary schools, reported the same back without amendment, recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged, and the said bill was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Harvie, from the same committee, in obedience to a resolution of the House, of the 27th ult., further reported that the committee had no business before them, which would interfere with an adjournment of the House on the 10th inst.

Mr. Bancroft from the committee on printing, to whom was referred the account of A. Kaminskry, recommended the allowance of $58 40. They have rejected the charge of $15, being for "correcting proof sheets," on the ground that the translator of the message into the German language was charged with that duty, and he hav-

ing informed the committee that he made an arrangement with the printer, Dr. Kaminskry, to correct the proof, as will appear by the accompanying letter, from the translator.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged and the same was referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the said claim in the general appropriation bill for the current year.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the sale of the Salt Spring lands belonging to the state, reported that the committee have had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The committee were discharged and the bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the same committee, in obedience to a resolution of this House instructing standing committees to report the amount of business now on their hands, report that there is but one bill before them.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, reported back the following claims and recommend their allowance, as follows :

The claim of R. W. Ingalls, at $10,25 ;

The claims of E. G. Morton, at $10,75 ;

And the said claims were referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to insert the same in the general appropriation bill for the current year.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, reported adversely to the respective claims of J. Rouse and Wendell Buck.

The report was accepted and the claims were laid upon the table.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the claim of Mark Cannon, made a report accompanied by a cammunication from the attorney general, which,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Was laid on the table and ordered printed.

The committee also reported a bill for the relief of Mark Cannon, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, in obedience to a resolution of

this House, further reported that the committee have under consideration the several claims of Parshall and Foster, of Russell Lyman, of H. E. Perry, of S. N. Gantt, and George N. Turner.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report, which was laid on the table.

In obedience to the resolution of the 27th ult., the committee on the judiciary beg leave to report, that of the files of the committee, there are,

1st. Two petitions of "Red men, or Natives," praying that their estates may be taxed, and that they may be allowed the privileges of citizenship.

2d. Eight petitions of various inhabitants of the state, praying that the word "white" may be expunged from Article 2, section 1, of the constitution.

3d. Sundry petions praying the abolition of capital punishment.

4th. Two petitions, praying the alteration of the tax law of 1843.

5th. Petitions for, and remonstrances against the appropriation of non-resident taxes, for the construction of roads.

6th. Nine petitons from various parts of the state, praying to be allowed to re-assess taxes rejected by the auditor general.

7th. Two petitions praying the passage of a law to compel the erection of outside fences.

8th. The petition of E. White, praying to be restored to his rights under a contract with the state, for the purchase of school lands.

9th. The petition of Oshea and Cornelia Wilder, praying authority to convey certain real estate.

10th. The petition of inhabitants of Washtenaw, praying that all monies raised for township purposes, other than ordinary expenses, be voted by ballot at the township meetings.

11th. Petition of Samuel E. Peters, asking permission to redeem certain lands bid in by the state for taxes.

12th. Two petitions relative to damages by mill ponds.

13th. The petition of Christian Bridleman, praying authority to convey certain real estate.

14th. The petition of John Geddes and others, asking to have certain acts of township officers in Cambridge legalized.

15th. The petition of sundry inhabitants of Kalamazoo, asking au-

thority to raise Portage lake, in the township of Charlestown, in said connty.

16th. The petition of Thomas C. Sheldon, praying for relief.

17th. The petition of 214 inhabitants of Wayne county, praying the enforcement of a law relative to the locking of dams.

18th. The petition of Alvin J. Dunbar, praying the enactment of a law to authorize the conveyance of certain real estate.

19th. The petition from sundry inhabitants of Washtenaw, praying the passage of a law to prevent the destruction of deer.

20th. Two petitions of Lenawee and Washtenaw, praying the imposition of a tax upon dogs and bitches.

21st. Petition of 19 inhabitants of Washtenaw, praying an alteration of the usury law.

22d. The claim of sundry bond holders of the state bonds, praying the recognition of their claims.

23d. Five resolutions of instruction on divers subjects.

In all, five resolutions of instruction and fifty-three petitions.

During the present session the committee on the judiciary have disposed of 175 petitions, in addition to the 53 still undisposed of, making in all, 228.

These, with seven resolutions of instruction, making 235 matters referred to them for deliberation. Several of these subjects, from their acknowledged importance, required much time to investigate their merits, and labor to report satisfactorily to the petitioners. The loose manner in which the subjects are generally presented in petitions, imposes great labor on a committee who feel anxious to adjudicate correctly. Your committee think that with great exertions and uninterrupted toil, they may be able to clear their calendar by the 5th of March, inst.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, reported back sundry petitions with the recommendation that the same be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

And the said petitions were so referred.

Mr. Power, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to authorize sheriffs to do business in justices courts,

and for other purposes, and said bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Hazelton, from the select committee to whom was referred a bill to amend chapter three, title three, of part first, of the revised statutes, with instructions to report sundry amendments, reported the same back amended in conformity with said instructions of the House.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following communication:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 1, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State an act in relation to the redemption of general fund warrants and delinquent tax stock or bonds;

Also, an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the erection of a toll gate, and for keeping in repair the Detroit and Saginaw road, and for other purposes, approved January 26, 1844;

Also an act to provide for the construction of a certain state road from the village of Schoolcraft, in Kalamazoo county, to where said road intersects the territorial road from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph, in Berrien county;

Also, an act to provide for establishing and constructing a road from the village of Lyons in the county of Ionia, to the village of Ada in the county of Kent;

Also an act to provide for the construction and improvement of a certain state road leading from Kalamazoo in Kalamazoo county, to Ionia, in the county of Ionia

Also, an act authorizing the State Geologist to perform certain acts and for other purposes.

JNO. S. BARRY.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The bill to regulate the militia was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

Leave of absence was granted as follows:

On motion of Mr. Speaker, Mac Leod, and

On motion of Mason, to Mr. Stone, respectively, until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, to Messrs. Munger and Taylor;

On motion of Mr. Pratt, to Mr. Stevens;

On motion of Mr. Galloway, to Mr. Arnold;

On motion of Mr. Stillson, to Mr. Hays, and

On motion of Mr. Pullen, to Mr. Murray, severally until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Power, to Mr. Fowler for an indefinite period.

Mr. Bancroft, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill for laying out and establishing a state road and for other purposes, and the chair appointed Messrs. Bancroft Cook and Ransom, a committee to bring in said bill.

Mr. Ecklee, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtain leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the Grand River institute, and the chair appointed Messrs. Ecklee, Groves and Wyman, a committee to bring in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

Mr. Ecklee gave notice that on a future day he will ask leave to introduce a bill or joint resolution for attaching the manual labor system to the university of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The report of the committee on claims upon the petition of H. Willey was taken from the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The House had under consideration a bill to amend chapter three, title three, part first of the Revised Statutes relative to the duty of county surveyors, and the said bill (having been previously read a third time) was passed.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

With the unanimous consent of the House, the rule was suspended and the bill to provide for the laying out of certain state roads was

taken from the general order and placed in the order of bills to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House had also under consideration the joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature;

And the question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole in its amendments to the resolution, the same were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The blank for the hour was filled with "twelve o'clock at noon," and thereupon the rule having been suspended, the resolution was adopted.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the laying out of certain state roads, and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The following section to stand as section four was added to the bill:

"That the state shall not be chargeable for laying out and establishing said roads, nor for any expenses whatever, connected therewith."

And the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chair announced as next in order the bill to regulate the militia;

And that the question was on ordering the bill to be engrossed.

Mr. Bancroft moved to add to section seven at the end thereof, the following:

And that so much of section seven of an act to amend the several acts to organize the militia, approved March 11, 1844, as fixes to the Adjutant General of the state the rank of Brigadier General be and the same is hereby repealed.

The motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

Section 18 was amended by striking out all after the word "occurred" in the twelfth line, to the end of the word "paid" in the fourteenth line.

Mr. Ecklee offered the following amendment, which did not prevail:

"Each member of a volunteer company shall be paid five dollars a year out of the state treasury."

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Section 13 was amended by striking out the word "forty," in the first line, and inserting "thirty-two" instead; also by striking out the word "eighty," in the third line and inserting "one hundred" instead.

On motion of Mr. Pullen,

Section 18 was amended by striking out of the sixth line the word "warrant," and inserting the word "summons," instead.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The 14th and 15th lines of section 4 were amended by striking out the word "appropriate," and inserting the word "apply," instead.

Mr. Eastman moved to amend the first line of section 19 by inserting after the word "brigade," the words "or division," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Schwarz moved to strike out section eighteen of the bill under consideration.

Pending this motion,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 3, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of Saturday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Adams—Remonstrance of S. H. Cary and 80 others of the township of Batavia, against the appropriation of highway taxes on a certain state road. Referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of W. P. Crandall and 80 others, inhabitants of Genessee county, for dispensing with militia musters. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Thompson—Of citizens of Shiawassee county for a repeal of the law appropriating non-resident highway taxes on the Pontiac and Grand River road. Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Schwarz—Claims of E. D. Ellis and A. S. Williams.—Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Groves, from the committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Lapham, relative to certain school lands, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the same back with the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged.

The committee were discharged, and the bill for the relief of Benjamin Lapham was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Groves, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill to establish a board of auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of the primary or common school, university and internal improvement lands, reported further, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and have made the following amendment:

After the word Governor, in the 11th line of the 2nd section, insert the following proviso, to wit:

Provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not preclude any person or persons who may feel himself or themselves aggrieved by the decisions and awards of said board, from applying at any time after such decision and awards to the Legislature for relief in their respective cases, and respectfully recommend the adoption of said amendment and the passage of said bill, and ask to be discharged.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill as amended, was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Galloway, from committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to provide for laying out and establishing a road from Victor to the new mill in Duplane, reported the same back to the House without amendment, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The committee were discharged and the said bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. D. Johnson, from the committee on state prison reported a bill to provide for the preservation of passenger and freight cars, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed a bill to provide for the laying out of certain state roads.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee reported as correctly enenrolled an act to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a state road, commencing at the quarter post, between sections twenty-three and twenty-six, town four north, of range ten west, in the county of Barry, thence by the most direct and eligible route to the village of Grand Rapids in Kent county;

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the acting commissioner of internal improvement to let the contracts upon the Palmyra and Jacksonburg Railroad, and to complete the Central Railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo, and that the same have been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Munger from the committee on towns and counties to whom was referred the petition of 52 citizens of Lapeer county, asking for the removal of the county site of said county, for setting off a part of the county of St. Clair and annexing the same to Lapeer county, and for the appointment of a disinterested committee to establish said county site, and for other purposes, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and had instructed their chairman to report the same back, and recommended its reference to a select committee and ask to be discharged, &c.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committittee dis-

charged from the further consideration of said petition, and the same was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Munger, Blair, A. S. Johnson, Compton and Humphrey.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred a Senate bill to regulate the fisheries in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the same back and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The committee were discharged and the said bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, to whom were referred several petitions for and against the annexation of Texas, reported the same back to the House, and advised that no further legislative action was necessary on the subject matter of said petitions, and asked to be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Ecklee, from the select committee, appointed for that purpose, brought in a bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute, which was referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Bancroft, from a like committee, brought in a bill for laying out and establishing a State road, and for other purposes, which was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Grand River institute reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and that a majority of said committee had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and advise that it do not pass.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit. March 3, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State a joint resolution authorizing the acting commissioner of internal improvement to let the contracts upon the Palmy-

ra and Jacksonburg Railroad, and to complete the Central Railroad between Marshall and Kalamazoo.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker also announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 27, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that Senator Denton has been appointed on the part of the Senate, under a joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to visit and examine the state prison.

Your ob't serv't.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, *February* 27, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a bill to relocate a certain state road;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary;

A bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county reserved by the United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal;

And a bill to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting or carrying away timber, logs &c., on or from the lands of another.

Which several bills the Senate have passed and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also to return to the House the joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe, which the Senate have adopted without amendment;

And the bill to provide for establishing and constructing the Pontiac and Grand River road, which the Senate have passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 3, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a bill to amend section six of a certain act;

A joint resolution instructing the Secretary of State to procure certain information relative to lunatic asylums, and,

A bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Ypsilanti Seminary,

Which several bills the Senate have passed, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 9, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8th, 1842, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your ob't servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The bill to relocate a certain State road, and the bill to amend section 6 of a certain act, were severally read a first and second time and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The bill to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting or carrying away timber, logs, &c., on or from the lands of another, and for other purposes, and the bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situated in Wayne county, reserved by the said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal, were severally read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary was read the first and second time and laid on the table.

The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The joint resolution instructing the secretary of state to procure certain information relative to lunatic assylum, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on state prison.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 9, 1844, being an amendment to the bill from the House to provide for establishing and constructing the Pontiac and Grand River road, was referred to the committee on roads and bridges, who subsequently by their chairman, Mr. Galloway, reported the same back to the House and recommended that the House concur in said amendment.

The bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on education.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

The rules of the House were suspended, and a joint resolution requiring the Secretary of State to record lands released in the different counties of this State to the people of this State, was introduced, considered and adopted.

Mr. Ecklee, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for and obtained leave to introduce a preamble and joint resolution to provide for attaching the manual labor system to the Univesity; and Messrs. Ecklee, Wyman and Vickery were appointed a committee to bring in said preamble and joint resolution.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the adoption of the joint resolution introduced this day, by Mr. Stillson, which motion prevailed; and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The resolution was amended by adding at the end of the first clause as follows:

"And when said instruments are so recorded as aforesaid, they shall have the same effect as if recorded in the register's office of the several counties where the premises conveyed are situated."

And the resolution as amended, was thereupon adopted.

Mr. Vickery offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on internal improvement to whom was referred the Senate bill making an appropriation on the kalama-

zoo river, be requested to report the same back to the House without unnecessary delay.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Ypsilanti Seminary was taken from the table aud referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Richman, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit was taken from the table and placed on the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Mac Leod gave notice that leave will be asked to-morrow to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to divide the upper peninsula into six counties, and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1842.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The engrossed bill to provide for the laying out of certain State Roads, was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to regulate the militia.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The following was added at the end of Sec. 17, "to be collected in accordance with the by-laws of said company, battallion or regiment."

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

Sec. 13, line 2, was amended by striking out the word "shall" and inserting the word "may" instead.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The word "three" in the 3d line of Sec. 19, was striken out and the word "five" inserted instead, and the word "two" in the same line was striken out, and the word "three" inserted instead.

Also, in the blank in the second line of Sec, 25, was filled with the word "four."

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend Sec. 21, by striking out the three last words of the Section, to wit: "and jury duty."

Mr. Bancroft moved to amend Sec. 7, by striking out the words "Adjutant General" and inserting the following: "And the duties now required to be performed by the Adj't General are transferred to

the Secretary of state, who shall perform all the duties of said office" and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS :

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Ransom,	
Bowman,	Munger,		5

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Pullen,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Roof,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Pease,	Williams,	
Hazleton,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hill,	Power,	Wyman,	
Humphrey,	Pratt,	Speaker,	36

Mr. Bancroft offered the following as an amendment to Sec. 7:

That so much of Sec. 7 of the act of 1844, approved March 11, 1844, as fixes the salary of the Adj't General at $300 per annum, is hereby repealed, and hereafter the compensation of that officer shall be $100 per annum.

Mr. Harvie moved that the question on the proposed amendment be laid upon the table, which motion did not prevail, and the question recurring on the amendment it was lost.

Mr. Power moved to amend Sec. 9, by striking out the words "between the ages of eighteen and forty five" and insert "above the age of eighteen years." The motion was lost, and the line was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House had under consideration the report of the committee of claims upon the petition of H. Willey, and the question being upon accepting the report it passed in the affirmative.

The chair announced as the unfinished business before the House, the question on the appeal from the decision of the Speaker, that a majority vote only was required upon the question of concurrence with the Senate in their amendments to the bill to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of the city of Detroit ; and upon the

question, shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, which was ordered, when it appeared that Messrs. Bancroft and Galloway were absent without leave.

On motion of Thompson,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The yeas and nays being ordered, the House refused sustain the decision of the chair as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Schwarz,	Mr. Stillson,	2

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Power,	
Andrews,	Hill,	Pratt,	
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Pullen,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Roof,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pease,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	42

The Speaker then announced that the House having refused to sustain the decision of the chair, the amendments of the Senate were not concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The vote upon the question of the passage of the said bill was reconsidered; and the question recurring upon concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, the same were concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bancroft,	Jones,	Roof,
Davis,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Eastman,	Mason,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	MacLeod,	Thompson,
Gallowny,	Munger,	Vickery,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Walker,

Harvie,	Power,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Speaker,	30

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Carter,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Packer,	Williams,	
Cook,	Pease,	Wood,	15

Mr. Stillson moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken, which motion did not prevail.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Pratt in the chair, on the general order; and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration,

A bill making appropriation for the improvemsnt of the Shiwassee river, and had directed their chairman to report the same with an amendment, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Also to report progress upon a bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in for delinquent taxes and for other purposes, and ask leave to sit again. The House granted leave accordingly.

The House concurred in the amendment made in committee of the whole to the bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Shiawassee river, and the question being upon ordering the said bill to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richman,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Roof,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Power,	Vickery,	
Hill,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
A. S. Jonhson,	Ransom,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Rose,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Walker,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Williams,	

Davis,	Pease,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Speaker.	
Groves,	Pullen,		23

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, with the unanimous consent of the House, made the following reports:

Upon the petition of Wm. Laidd and others of the county of St. Joseph for the passage of a law regulating fences, the committee report that so much diversity of opinion exists on this subject that the committee feel both unable and unwilling to decide authoritatively on the matter; and for the purpose of eliciting information, and testing the sense of the House, they introduce the accompanying bill and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

Report accepted, the committee discharged, and the bill relative to highway and outside fences, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Upon the petition of Oshea Wilder and Cornelia Wilder, the committee report that from reasons repeatedly stated by the committee in several reports upon the same subject, based on the session laws of 1840, sec. 2, page 26, they feel constrained to report adversely to the prayer of the petition and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Upon the petition of Joseph Wakazoo and others, the committee report that by section 1, article II of the constitution of this state, they are prevented from granting the prayer of the petition. They therefore report adversely and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Upon several petitions praying for a law providing that all monies raised for township purposes other than ordinary expenses shall be voted for by ballot at township meeting

The committee report that as no reasons are presented to the committee in said applications, and as the committee know of none that would warrant them in recommending a departure from the present system, they report adversely to the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Upon the petition of 93 citizens of Kalamazoo, for a grant of authority to William E. Sawyer and others, to raise Portage Lake, the committee report that the petitioners do not set forth the geography of the region in which said lake is situated; they furnish no informa-

tion as to private rights that may be effected by the change proposed; they offer no evidence on the occupants of the shores of said lake (if such there be) and they impose a task upon the committee of hunting up evidence for which they have neither time nor inclination. They therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petition and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee further reported as follows:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the petition of Cyrus Dana and others, praying that Alvin J. Dunbar may be authorized to convey certain real estate.

As the petitioners have their remedy in chancery, and as no sufficient evidence has been presented to your committee, (after long delay and notice to the petitioners) to warrant any legislative interference, they report adversely to the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee further reported as follows:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the memorial of Christian Beidleman and Nancy Beidleman, his wife, praying authority to enable their son William, (being a minor) to convey certain real estate.

The circumstances of the petitioners are not set forth in their application, nor are there such facts, statements or evidences afforded, as, in the opinion of the committee, would warrant a departure from the course prescribed by law. They therefore beg to call the attention of the memorialists to section 2, page 26, session laws of 1840, by the provisions of which act they can obtain their wishes at a moderate expense, for good cause shown. The committee therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The committee further report as follows:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration, two petitions from the county of Washtenaw, praying the re-enactment of sections 5 and seven, part 1st, title 7, chapter 6, page 161, Revised Statutes, relative to interest of money.

The petitioners set forth—

1st. That "*it cannot be denied,*" that the Legislature of 1843,

which repealed the sections referred to, acted, in said repeal, "for individual cases then pending before our courts, instead of the public good."

2nd. That in the years 1838, '39 and '40, the inhabitants of the State were in great distress, and compelled to borrow money on usury.

3rd. That in nearly all of the States in the Union, "and in most of the civilized nations of the world," penal laws against usurious interest have been and still are in force; and

4th. That such a law "is absolutely necessary to protect the industrious portions of the community from the miserly grasps of more fortunate individuals who have money, and only use it to accomplish the sure destruction of their neighbors."

To which your committee reply—

1st. That, in their opinion, it is highly indecorous to charge upon a legislative body, acting under the solemnity of sacred oaths, the crimes of perjury, injustice and venality; and if possible, still more indecorous to urge such a reason upon another legislature as the grounds of a contrary action.

2nd. That, as to the distress which prevailed in 1838, '39 and '40, your committee, in the language of Carlisle, believe it to be "an earnest fact, and in no wise a matter of dubiety or dilletantism."

3rd. That, as to the allegation that statutes of usury exist in nearly all of the States, and in most of the civilized nations of the globe, your committee would add that a like statute prevailed amongst the uncivilized Hebrews, as early as B. C. 1490. Also a statute that he who should pick up sticks on the Sabbath should be stoned to death. Vide Leviticus, *passim*.

4th. That as to the "*absolute necessity*" of such a law, your committee cannot see why money should be placed on any other footing than other marketable commodities; or why an individual should be compelled to take seven per centum for his money when its marketable value was ten per centum, any more than a farmer should take fifty cents for a bushel of corn when its marketable value was one dollar. And, finally, as to the flourish that he who has money only uses it to accomplish the sure destruction of his neighbor, your committee would respectfully advise that neighbor not to court his own

destruction by indulging in a luxury beyond his means. They would only further add, that their views are those entertained, if not "by most of the civilized nations of the world," at least by all the political economists whose volumes they have had leasure to consult.

They therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petition and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of this subject.

The several reports of the committee were accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subjects therein referred to respectively.

The committee also report back to the House a bill to authorize sheriffs to do business in justices courts, and for other purposes, recommend the passage of the bill with sundry amendments, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The committee were discharged and the said bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

The committee also reported as follows:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the following papers, viz:

I A communication of General John E. Schwarz to E. Farnsworth Esq., Attorney General, relative to the ownership of certain bridges on the rivers Rouge and Ecorse, and a reply to the same.

II The petition of Edward Williams and fifty-five inhabitants of Wayne county, praying an appropriation to repair said bridges.

3rd The petition of John Biddle and twenty-nine others on the same subject.

In reference to these several papers, your committee find,

1st That by virtue of an act passed December 16, 1816, certain persons were authorized to erect toll bridges over the rivers Rouge and Ecorse;

2nd That by virtue of another act to be found on page 549, laws of 1827, said bridges were to revert to the Territory of Michigan after the expiration of twenty-five years;

3rd That 1816 and 25 make 1841, and consequently, by the terms of the act, that the bridges are now *bona fide* the property of the state.

Having thus disposed of the grave questions of law and arithmetic, which were suggested by the papers respectively, your committee beg to add that the matter of repairing bridges does not, in their hum-

ble opinion, come within the scope of the legitimate business of the committee on the judiciary. They therefore ask to be discharged from a further consideration of this subject, and advise that the several papers be submitted to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The vote rejecting the bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Shiawassee river, was considered, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Pratt in the chair.

After some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and through their chairman reported that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to arganize certain townships, to change the name of certain townships, and for other purposes, and had made sundry amendments therein, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in said amendments, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the State for delinquent taxes and for other purposes, and had made sundry amendments therein, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The said amendments were severally concurred in, and the said bill,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Was laid upon the table.

The committee further reported progress upon the bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, and asked leave to sit again which the House refused, and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The said bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, March 4, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When it appeared that a quorum of members was present.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of sundry inhabitants of the township of Flushing, Genessee county, praying that a part of Flushing may be attached to the township of Gaines, in said county. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Thompson—Of citizens of Clinton county, for the amplification of the laws of this State, so as to be more easily understood, and that all persons who choose, may practice at the bar. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to regulate the Militia.

A bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river, and a bill to organize certain townships, to change the names of certain townships and for other purposes.

Mr. Eastman from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled, a joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe, and that the same had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Harvie from the committee on education, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8th, 1843, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and directed their chairman to report the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

The committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a Senate bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Ypsilanti Seminary, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Committee discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the bill to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting or carrying away timber, logs, &c., on or from the lands of another, and for other purposes, reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage, and the said bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee to whom was referred a bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situated in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an Arsenal, reported the same back to the House and recommended that it should be laid on the table, and the bill was so disposed of by the House.

Mr. Mac Leod from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry tax payers of the township of Bristol, Lapeer county praying for an alteration of the tax law, reported that no legal difficulty is presented which requires the adjudication of the committee on the judiciary. The only question relates to the expediency of making certain alterations in the present system of taxation and consequently falls within the province of the committee on ways and means.

The Judiciary committee therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions and advise the reference of the petition respectfully to their appropriate committee of ways and means, and the petitions were referred accordingly.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee reported as follows:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred two petitions from the counties of Oakland and Kalamazoo, praying the abolition of capital punishment, beg leave to report: That the subject in all its bearings has been so often canvassed, and its merits are doubtless so well understood, that the committee feel absolved from the obligation of recommending any action in the premises. To test, however, the sense of the House, they report the accompanying bill and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject, and the bill to abolish the punishment of death, and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. D. Johnson, from the committee on state prison, to whom was referred a joint resolution instructing the secretary of state to procure certain information relative to lunatic asylum, reported that the committee had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said joint resolution.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged and the joint resolution read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill to provide for taxing the Erie and Kalamazoo railroad company, which was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Ecklee, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a joint resolution to provide for attaching the manual labor system to the university, and the said bill was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Oakland asking the appointment of commissioners to lay out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in Tyrone, Livingston county, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

The committee also reported back Senate bills Nos. 52 and 59, to locate a certain state road, and to amend a certain act, without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report of the committee accepted, the committee discharged and Senate bills Nos. 52 and 59 were referred to the committee of the whole.

The bill to lay out a certain state road was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Chair announced the following messages from the Senate :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that Mr. Denton has been excused from serving on the joint committee appointed to meet and examine the State Prison, and that Mr. Smith has been appointed on the part of the Senate in his place.

Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 4, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives, a bill to provide for building a jail in the county of Hillsdale,

Which the Senate have passed and the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to provide for building a jail in the county of Hillsdale, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Ecklee, in pursuance of previous notice asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the payment of damages that the state owes John Silk.

Mr. MacLeod, in pursuance to previous notice asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entited an act to divide the Upper Peninsula into six counties, and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9th, 1843, and,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The rule was suspended, and the said bills respectively referred to the appropriate standing committees.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The bill to organize certain townships, to change the names of certain townships, and for other purposes, was taken from the table and placed on the order of business before the House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The committee on ways and means be instructed to enquire why the information asked for in a resolution of this House adopted on the 10th ultimo has not been furnished?

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be and they are hereby instructed to purchase Sherman and Smiths' map and gazeteer of the United States, for the use of this house to be suspended and remain in the hall of the House of Representatives.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The House had under consideration a bill to regulate the militia, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Groves moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on the militia with instructions to incorporate a section fixing the salaries of the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General at $100 each per annum, and repealing so much of section seven of the act entitled an act to amend the several acts to organize the militia of this state, approved March 11, 1844 as conflicts with this provision.

Mr. Harvie offered the following amendment:

That the militia bill be committed to a select committee with instructions to enquire into the duties of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, and introduce a section fixing the salaries of said officers in proportion to the duties required of them respectively;

Which prevailed, and the committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Harvie, Groves, Vickery, Mac Leod and Bancroft.

The bill to organize certain townships, to change the name of certain townships and for other purposes, having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage,

The unanimous consent of the House was asked for and obtained to make the following amendments to the bill, namely:

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The blank in Section 14, was filled with the name of Dean W. Tyler.

And the words "Allan-a-Dale" was striken out of Section 13, and the word "Dallas" inserted.

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

The word "Berkshire" was striken out of Sec. 8; and the word "Columbia" inserted instead.

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

Sec. 24 was striken out.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

A new Section was added to the bill to stand as "Sec. 25. That the south half of township No. 7, north of range 5 east, and the south west quarter of township No. 7, north of range No. 6 east, now forming a part of the township of Flushing, in the county of Genessee, be and the same is hereby set off from the township of Flushing attached to the township of Gaines in said county."

On motion of Mr. Roof,

A new section was added to stand as "Section 26. That the territory of the township of Essex in the county of Clinton, be and the same is hereby extended so as to embrace townships nine north of ranges 2, 3, and 4 west, being now a part of the county of Gratiot."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A new section was added to stand as "Section 27. That the county of Huron be and the same is hereby organized into a separate township by the name of 'Polk,' and that the first township meeting be held at the dwelling house of John Clice in said township."

And the bill thus amended was passed.

The bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Shiawassee river being under consideration, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that Messrs. Magoon, Murray, Packer, Power, and Taylor, were absent without leave.

Mr. Pratt moved that further proceedings under the call be suspended, which motion did not prevail, and the sergeant-at-arms was despatched for the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

Further proceedings under the call were suspended.

The yeas and nays having been ordered upon the passage of the bill, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Rose,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Munger,	Steevens,
Davis,	Power,	Taylor,

Galloway,	Pratt,	Thompson,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Vickery,
A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	Wood,
Jones,	Roof,	Wyman,
Magoon,		25

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pitcher,
Andrews,	Hill,	Pullen,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Shaw,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stone,
Compton,	Murray,	Walker,
Eastman,	Packer,	Williams,
Groves,	Pease,	Speaker,
Harvie,		25

Mr. Speaker (Mr. Wyman having been called to the chair) moved a reconsideration of the vote, and that the said motion be laid upon the table, which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Harvie in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration a bill to provide for laying out a state road in the county of Macomb, which he was directed to report to the House with sundry amendments, and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

The House thereupon concurred with the committee of the whole and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also reported that the committee had progressed with a bill to repeal an act for draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839, and had directed their chairman to ask leave to sit again, and the House accordingly granted leave.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Harvie in the chair, and after some time

spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had again had under consideration

A bill to repeal an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839, upon which he was directed to report progress and ask leave to sit again and leave was granted accordingly.

The chairman further reported that the committee had also had under consideration;

A bill to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the action of ejectment.

A bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate, and

A bill to amend an act to reduce the price of university and school lands and for other purposes, approved Feb. 15, 1842, which he was directed to report without amendment.

The chairman further reported,

That the committee had made sundry amendments to a bill to authorize the sale of lands on Macon Reserve, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

Pending the question of conucurence,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate, and

A bill to amend an act to reduce the price of University and school lands and for other purposes, approved February 15, 1842, were respectively ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question being upon ordering the bill to amend the Revised Statutes, relative to actions in ejectments, to be engrossed,

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the bill upon the table, which was lost; and the qnestion on engrossment was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 5, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the action of ejectment;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to reduce the price of University and school lands and for other purposes, approved February 15, 1842;

A bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of real estate;

A bill for laying out a certain state road;

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee reported as correctly enrolled, an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall Association of the city of Detroit, and that the same had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the payment of damages that the state owes John Silk, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House with an amendment, in lieu of the whole bill, and the bill and amendment were read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement.

Mr. Galloway from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred sundry petitions from the inhabitants of the counties of Oakland Macomb, St. Clair and Wayne, asking the appointment of commissioners to lay out certain state roads, &c., have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bills and recommend their passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharg-

ed from the consideration of said petitions and the following bills were read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole, viz:

A bill to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne, and

A bill for laying out and establishing a State Road and for other purposes.

Mr. Hays from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred a Senate bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river, reported the same back to the House and for reasons heretofore assigned by the committee, recommend that the bill do not pass, and the bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stillson from the committee on towns and counties, to whom was referred the bill to amend an an act entitled an act to divide the upper penensula into six counties and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1843, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the said bill back to the House, recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The said report was accepted, the committee on towns counties discharged from further consideration of said bill, and the same was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee, to whom was referred a bill to regulate the militia, with instructions to inquire into the duties of the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, and incorporate a section in said bill fixing the salaries of said officers, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and instructed their chairman to report the following section to stand as section 8 in said bill, the numbers of the other sections of said bill being altered conformably thereto :

Section 8. That the salary of the Adjutant General be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per annum ; and that of the Quarter Master General, at two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly ; and that so much of section 7 of an act entitled " An act to amend the several acts to organize the militia of this State," appro- March 11th, 1844, as conflicts with this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The report of the committee was accepted and placed with the bill on its order of business before the House.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred six petitions from various portions of the State, severally praying the passage of a law to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the auditor general, report the accompanying bill in accordance with the prayers of the petitions, recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of said petitions, and a bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the auditor genoral and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Marcellus township, reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage; and said bill was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. MacLeod, from the same committee, also reported back Senate bill to provide for building a jail in the county of Hillsdale, without amendment, and recommended the passage of the same, and said bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Gibbs, Jun., and twenty three others, inhabitants of the county of Clinton, praying that the laws of the State of Michigan may be so simplified as to come within the knowledge of every person and that every man may be admitted to the bar, made a report thereon accompanied with a bill to simplify the laws of the State of Michigan so as to come within the knowledge of every person and to admit every man to the bar and for other purposes.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged from the further consideration of said petition and the said bill read 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The report was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed, and

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

Five hundred copies of the report were ordered.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced a message from the Governor, on the subject of the Michigan State Bank, which was laid upon the table and ordered printed.

The speaker also announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 5, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, the following bills, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River Turnpike.

A bill to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph.

A bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in the county of Kent.

A bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a waggon road on the line of the Northern Railroad.

I am further instructed to return a bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, to which the Senate have made sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your ob't serv't.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.

SENTAE CHAMBER,
March 3, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives a Joint Resolution to encourage emigration into this State, and a

Joint Resolution of Instruction relative to an Indian treaty, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your ob't servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, with the Senate amendment, was

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

Laid upon the table.

The joint resolution to encourage emigration into the state, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The joint resolution of instruction relative to an Indian treaty was read first and second time and referred to committee on Indian affairs.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The vote upon the passage of the bill to organize certain townships to change the names of certain townships and for other purposes, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Munger,

Leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their several petitions for a division of the counties of Wayne and Monroe.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Bancroft until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Speaker,

Leave of absence was also granted to Messrs. Davis and Power, respectively, until Monday next.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Roof asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to offer the following amendment to the bill to organize certain townships &c., to stand as Sec. 28.

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage

The motion prevailed, and the bill as amended was then passed.

The bill to amend the revised statutes in relation to the action of ejectment was

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Laid upon the table.

The bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate, and a bill for laying out, establishing and constructing a state road in the county of Macomb, were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill to amend an act to reduce the price of University and school lands, and for other purposes, approved February 15th, 1842, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Shaw,
Arnold,	Mason,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stillson,
Compton,	Munger,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Murray,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pease,	Vickery,
Hays,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Wood,
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	Speaker,
Jones,	Roof,	35

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Pullen,	Walker,
Harvie,		10

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration a bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the state for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes, and the question having been announced to be upon ordering the bill to be engrossed,

Mr. Vickery moved to amend the 15th section of the bill as follows:

Strike out so much of the 15th section as repeals the existing law, making it the duty of the county treasurer of any county in the state where any lands are to be offered for sale, to designate the newspaper in which the statement is to be published.

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend the amendment by striking out the 15th section of the bill.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pratt,	
Andrews,	Hill,	Pullen,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Richman,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Cook,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Munger,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pease,	Wood,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Shaw,	
Cartter,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Stillson,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Stone,	
Humphrey,	Roof,	Williams,	
A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	Speaker.	18

Whereupon the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House had also under consideration,

The bill to provide for establishing and constructing the Pontiac and Grand River Road; and the question being upon concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, the same was concurred in.

The House had also under consideration the report of a majority of the committee on claims upon the petition of Henrich Willey adverse to the said claim.

Mr. Pratt from the minority of said committee reported a bill for the relief of Henrick Willey, and the said bill was read twice and referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The report of the majority of said committee was laid upon the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order,

Mr. Cartter in the chair ;

And after some time spent theron the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration a bill to repeal an act for the draining of swamps, marshes and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839, and had made sundry amendments therein, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House ; and said amendments were thereupon concurred in by the House.

Mr. Cartter moved to strike out of the bill the words "and affects injuriously its agricultural interests," wherever the same may occur therein ; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out the last section of the bill, which prevailed.

Mr. Stone moved a reconsideration of the vote, which also prevailed.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the House do now adjourn, which was lost.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to repeal an act for the draining of Swamps, &c., and the question being upon striking out the 15th section of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote, Mr. Wyman having been excused from voting :

YEAS :

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Stone,	
Cook,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Ransom,	Vickery,	
Hazelton,	Roof,	Williams,	12

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Munger,	Stillson,	

Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Speaker,	30

And the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered and it passed in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Arnold,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Packer,	Stone,	
Cook,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Pullen,	Walker,	
Groves,	Ransom,	Williams,	
Hays	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Roof,		32

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Hill,	Murray,	Wood,	
D. Johnson,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Jones,			13

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to amend an act to establish a board of county auditors of Wayne county, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844, and had directed their chairman to report progress thereon, and ask leave to sit agrin.

Leave having been refused,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

The chairman further reported that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration the following bills:

A bill for the preservation of the State Library;

A bill for the relief Lucius Warner;

A bill to amend part 1st, title 2, of the revised statutes;

A bill for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public uses;

A bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to transfer certain cases from the Supreme Court to the Court of Chancery, and for other purposes;

A bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases;

A bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scales to erect a dam across Flat River, in the county of Kent;

A bill authorizing the building of a dam across the River Raisin;

A bill to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co.;

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater;

A bill to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign to erect a dam across Flat River, in the county of Montcalm;

A bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road;

A bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer as a part of the territory and jurisdiction thereof;

And a joint resolntion relative to a settlement with E. Corning & Co., which he was directed severally to report without amendment.

Also a bill to abolish the office of associate judges of the circuit court, and for other purposes;

A bill to prevent the traffic in ardent spirits with the Indians;

A bill making appropriations on the Kalamazoo river;

And a joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr; in each of which the committee had made sundry amendments and in which the concurrence of the House was respectfully asked.

The question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole House in their amendment to the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr.

Mr. Cook, moved that the House adjourn, which was lost.

The House non-concurred in said amendment and thereupon

Mr. Speaker (Mr. Wyman having been called to the chair,) offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word resolved, and insert the following:

That in view of the existing imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr,

for life, by the authorities of the State of Rhode Island, and the causes that led to that imprisonment, we deem it proper for the various states of the union through their Legislatures to express their opinions of assent or dissent to the action of the authorities of that State, in relation to said imprisonment and that in the opinion of the Legislature of this state, the said imprisonment and the conviction that led to it was a violation of the genius and spirit of our institutions, at war with republican government, and a high infraction of the very principles upon which the government of the United States and the various States of the union are based.

Pending the question on the amendment,

Mr. Pratt moved to adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the House do now adjourn, and the House was declared to be adjourned to half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 6, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order.

A quorum of members appeared.

Prayer by the Rev Mr. Watson.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hays—Of E. Seymour Newton to change his name to Edward Seymour. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Taylor—Of citizens of Lapeer county for an alteration of the tax law. Laid on the table. Also of 13 inhabitants of Lapeer county, that certain townships be re-attached to Lapeer county. Laid on the table.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed, a bill to provide for the sale of land bid in by the state for delinquent taxes and other purposes.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled, an act to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph;

An act to provide for the extension of the Southern Railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater or Branch;

An act making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad;

An act making appropriations for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike;

An act to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes;

An act to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in Kent county; and the said bills had severally been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Stone from the committee of ways and means made the following report:

The committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a memorial of the Albany Exchange Bank, relative to certain bonds against the state, heretofore issued to the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad company, praying that provisions be made for paying them, have directed me to report thereon:

That from a full investigation of the financial affairs of the state, your committee know of no resource not already anticipated or appropriated other than an increase of direct taxation, that could be relied upon for the payment of the annual interest on,and ultimate principal of said bonds, except the future proceeds of the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad, which with the expenditure hereinafter recommended will, in our opinion, be adequate to that purpose. The road in allusion was formerly completed ready for the iron, from the village of Palmyra to the village of Clinton, a distance of about fifteen miles, and used by said company before purchased by the state to some extent by horse power, but from lapse of time and neglect, the superstructure has now become partially decayed. Provision has already been made for completing the road as far as Tecumseh, and connecting it with the Southern Railroad. The distance from Tecumseh to Clinton is about five miles, and the estimated expense of repairing the superstructure is one thousand acres of land per mile. Indeed responsible individuals interested in the work are willing to obligate themselves to the state, to complete the work, after the above mentioned expenditure, should there be any deficiency. Clinton is in the heart of one of the most productive regions in the peninsula. The

work referred to, would, in our opinion, be highly productive, besides affording an important tributary to the Southern Railroad. In conformity with the foregoing views, your committee herewith report a bill.

The bill making provision for the payment of certain bonds against the State, and other purposes, was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone from the same committee to whom was referred a joint resolution to encourage emigration into this state, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its adoption and the said joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter from the committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred the Senate bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and that the majority of said committee had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged from the consideration of the bill, and the same was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Andrews, from the committee on Indian affairs to whom was referred a joint resolution of instruction relative to an Indian treaty, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and directed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, respectfully advise its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged accordingly, and the joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, reported favorably to the following claims, to wit:

Claim of of A. S. Williams for advertising proposals for printing in conformity with the act in relation to the state printing, '44, $1 00

Claim of Edward D. Ellis, for printing as above, 1844, $1 00

Claim of A. S. Williams, for adv. divison orders, 1844, $13 00

Claim of Edward D. Ellis, for Constitutional Democrat, furnished Adjutant General's office for 1843-4, $4 32

And recommended that said claims be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill; and the said claims were referred accordingly.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a bill to amend chapter 3, title 3, part first of the revised statutes, relative to the duty of county surveyors, and a bill to modify the license law, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The vote ordering to be engrossed for a third reading the bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the state for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes, was reconsidered.

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the 15th section of said bill was stricken out, and the yeas and nays having been ordered the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Roof,
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Munger,	Steevens,
Ecklee,	Murray,	Stone,
Galloway,	Packer,	Taylor,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Hays,		29

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,
Bowman,	Jones,	Richman,
Compton,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Cook,	Pease,	Walker,
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Wood,
Hill,		16

The question having recurred upon striking out the 15th section of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to strike out was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Compton,	Jones,	Richmon,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Pease,	Wood,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Hays,	Roof,		26

Mr. Hazelton moved to amend the 15th section by adding after the word "designate," in the 5th line, the following :

" Not only the newspaper in which the tax lists shall be published, but the person or persons who shall assess and collect the same."

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Vickery offered the following amendment, which was lost :

Amend section 15 by adding the following—

And provided further, That no newspaper, other than that designated for printing the tax lists, shall be published in any county of this State, without a license from the Auditor General.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment :

Insert after the word "same" on the 4th line of section 15 :

So far as democratic treasurers have any thing to do with such designation.

Upon this motion to amend,

Mr. Pratt raised the following point of order, namely—

The House having refused to strike out the section, it cannot afterward be amended ; and the chair decided that the amendment was not in order.

Mr. Vickery offered the following amendment, which the chair decided not to be in order :

Amend section 15 by adding:

And provided further, that this section shall not apply to the counties of Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Saginaw, or any other county in the State, in which, at the late election, a whig county treasurer was chosen.

Mr. Hazelton offered the following to stand as section sixteen of the bill:

This act shall not apply to such counties for the year 1845, in which the treasurer has designated the paper in which the tax list shall be published, which was rejected.

And the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The bill to improve the navigation of Flint river, was taken from the table, and the question being upon concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the said bill, the same were concurred in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to regulate the militia being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The same was recommitted to the select committee, with instructions to report the same back in conformity with the rules of the House requiring a statement of the reasons for the recommendation of the committee.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr;

The chair announced that the question pending was upon the motion to strike out all after the clause of resolution, and insert the substitute offered by the Speaker, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Vickery,	
Compton,	Munger,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wood,	
D. Johnson,	Thompson,	Speaker,	12

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pratt,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	

Bowman,	Jones,	Roof,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Eastman,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Shaw,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Groves,	Packer,	Stone,	
Harvie,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	33

Mr. Pratt offered the following :

Strike out all after the clause of resolution, and insert, that it is the opinion of this legislature that the offence of treason, charged against Thomas W. Dorr, is a crime in violation of the constitution of the United States, and the assumption of jurisdiction by the state tribunals of the state of Rhode Island, is a usurpation of power, and in derogation of the rights of other states.

Mr. Cook moved to amend the amendment by adding the following, which was rejected :

And be it further resolved, That those gentlemen of this House who have come to the conclusion that it is time to shoulder muskets and march to the State of Rhode Island, for the purpose of liberating Thomas W. Dorr, have leave of absence for that purpose, and that the treasurer of this state draw his check upon the treasurer of Rhode Island for the payment of their services at such per diem allowance as the Governor of this State shall direct.

And the question recurring upon the original motion to strike out and insert, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS :

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Wood,	
Compton,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Cook,	Walker,		8

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Roof,
Bowman,	Jones,	Rose,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Eastman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Galloway,	Munger,	Stone,
Groves,	Murray,	Taylor,
Harvie,	Packer,	Thompson,

Hays,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Hazleton,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Pullen,		38

Mr. D. Johnson moved the indefinite postponement of the resolutions under consideration.

Mr. Compton moved to lay the resolutions and the motion to postpone indefinitely on the table; and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Compton,	Hill,	Taylor,	
Cook,	Humphrey,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Jones,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	MacLeod,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pease,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Roof,	
Blair,	Menzie,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Galloway,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Stone,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Walker,	
D. Johnson,			28

And the question recurring upon the motion to postpone indefinitely, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Taylor,	
Compton,	Jones,	Vickery,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Stone,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,			19

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Pratt,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Pullen,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Roof,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Rose,	
Ecklee,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Groves,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Hays,	Pease,	Thompson,	27

Mr. Ecklee offered the following:

That this resolution apply to the government and not to the people of that State.

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend by adding:

And that a committee be appointed to make the application.

Which amendment prevailed; and the question recurring upon the original motion it was lost.

Mr. Hill offered the following which was rejected:

Resolved, That we are greatly desirous of passing a vote of censure on the State of Rhode Island, on the course which she has pursued in relation to Thomas W. Dorr; and that we may not render ourselves ridiculous in the estimation of the other States of this Union, and of the world,—that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to investigate the subject fully, and for that purpose they shall have power to send for persons and papers to said State, and report to this Legislature the result of their enquiries.

Mr. Galloway called for the previous question, and the call having been sustained by the House, the chair stated the question as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and it was carried in the affirmative.

The main question being upon ordering the joint resolutions to a third reading, the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote—

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Pratt,	
Andrews,	Magoon,	Pullen,	
Blair,	Mason,	Roof,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Galleway,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Groves,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Hays,	Pitcher,		26

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Taylor,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Jones,	Walker,	
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Speaker,	
Hill,	Stone,		20

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

Mr. Pratt asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to present the cliams of Van Dyke & Harrington and Van Dyke & Emmons.

And said claims were severally referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Williams, until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Stillson until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The special message of the Governor, relating to the affairs of the Michigan State Bank, was taken from the table, and the same was thereupon referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The House had under consideration,

A bill to abolish the office of associate judges of the circuit court and for other purposes; and the question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole in their amendment to the bill, the same was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was amended by adding at the end of the bill, as amended in the committee, as follows:

"And a sum of not less than two dollars per day;" and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, it was lost.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The consideration of the bill making appropriations upon the Kalamazoo river, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to prevent the traffic in ardent spirits with the Indians being under consideration.

Mr. Hazelton moved to lay the bill upon the table—lost.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The bill was committed to a select committe for revision, and the said committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Mac Leod, Harvey, Pratt, Schwarz and Wyman.

The House had also under consideration a bill for the preservation of the state library.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Sec. 2 was striken out of the bill.

Mr. Vickery moved to strike out all after the enacting clause which did not prevail, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill for the relief of Lucius Warner, being under consideration,

Mr. Compton moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Harvie moved to amend the motion by adding the following proviso:

Provided that satisfactory evidence be furnished to the present commissioner of the State Land office, that the sum of money therein mentioned, was actually paid to a former superintendent of public instruction.

The proviso was adopted and the question recurring upon the motion to strike out, it was lost, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public use being before the House,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The preamble was stricken out, and the resolution ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to transfer certain causes from the supreme court to the court of chancery, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was amended by striking out the whole thereof, and substituting an amended bill in its stead.

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading;

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater;

A bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith, and

A joint resolution relative to a settlement with E. Corning & Co.; were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases;

A bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erect a dam across Flat river in the county of Kent;

A bill to provide for the payment of G. F Rood & Co.;

A bill to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign to erect a dam across Flat river in the county of Montcalm, were severally ordered to be read a third time.

The House had under consideration a bill to amend part first, title two of the Revised Statutes;

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend section one, so that the same shall read as follows—

"At the general election, the supervisor, justices of the peace and the township clerk of the several townships, shall be the inspectors of election, and in case they shall not attend at the hour for opening the polls of the election, or within one hour thereafter, or shall not remain in attendance, or if any of them shall be absent for half an hour or more, during the continuance of the election, the electors present may choose viva voce, from among the number present, such number of persons as with the inspectors present, shall constitute a board; and such person or persons so chosen, shall be inspectors of that election, and that section three of said chapter three, be, and is hereby amended, by striking out said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following."

Mr. Pullen offered the following amendment which was rejected:

"Amend section 1, chapter 5, same title, by striking out Tuesday in the 3d line, and insert Thursday; so that said section will read as follows, to wit: The several inspectors appointed by the inspector of election in townships, to attend the county canvass, shall form the county board of supervisors, and shall meet on the Thursday next following the election, before one o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the county clerk, who shall be secretary of the board."

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill authorizing the building a dam across the river Raisin, was laid on the table.

The House refused to order engrossed,

A bill to provide compensation for the associate judges of the circuit court, and,

A bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The consideration of the bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer, as a part of territory and jurisdiction thereof, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion did not prevail.

And the House thereupon resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order;

Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration the following bills, namely:

A bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of Galien river, and also in aid of the construction of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo;

A bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river in the county of Van Buren;

And a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, and had directed their chairman to report them severally to the house with sundry amendments and ask the concurrence of the house therein.

Also a joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey for a horse lost in the service of the State in defending the supremacy of the laws;

A bill to provide for taking the census;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the township of Bennington to make alterations in a certain state road;

And a joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, which he was directed to report without amendment.

The House concurred in the several amendments made in committee of the whole in the respective bills reported as amended.

The bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam &c., the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, and the bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the township of Bennington to alter a certain road, &c., were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Compton moved that the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of Galien river, &c., be indefinitely postponed; and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Rose,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Schwarz,
Compton,	Murray,	Steevens,
Galloway,	Packer,	Stone,
Hays,	Pullen,	Walker,
Humphrey,	Richman,	Wood,
D. Johnson,		19

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mrr- Hazleton,	Mr. Pitcher,
Andrews,	Hill,	Pratt,
.Arnold,	A. S. Johnsonn,	Ransom,
Blair,	Jones,	Roof,
Cook,	Mason,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Mac Leod,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pease,	Speaker,
Hazelton,		25

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the consideration of the joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey for a horse, &c., be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail, and the resolution was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The bill to provide for taking the census was laid on the table.

The House had under consideration, a joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith; and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed, it was lost.

Mr. Pratt moved that the vote be reconsidered, which prevailed.

And the resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to regulate the militia, made a report thereon, concluding with

the amendments proposed in their report of yesterday; and the question being upon the adoption of the amendments proposed by the committee, the same were adopted.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House adjourned.

Friday, March 7, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Cartter—Of Porter Kibbee, relative to a claim against the State. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Roof—Of L. M. S. Smith, and 53 others of Ionia county, praying that the word "white" may be expunged from the constitution. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of S. N. Gantt, for stationery furnished the present Legislature. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to amend part 1st, title 2, of the revised statutes;

A bill for the preservation of the state library;

A joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been taken for public uses;

A bill for the relief of Lucius Warner;

A joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith;

A joint resolution proposing an amendment of the constitution;

A bill to authorize the commissioner of highways of the township of Bennington, to make alterations in a certain state road;

A bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren;

A bill making appropriation to improve the navigation of the mouth of the Galien river; and also in aid of the construction of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo;

A joint resolution relative to a settlement with E. Corning & Co.;

A bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith; and

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater.

Mr. Eastman also reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to amend chapter 3, title 3, of part 1st, of the revised statutes, relative to the duty of county surveyors;

An act to modify the license law;

An act to amend an act entititled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River Road, approved March 9, 1844; and

An act to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river; and that the same had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the memorial of George N. Turner, relating to state warrants stolen from him in September last, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and directed their chairman to report a joint resolution for the relief of George N. Turner,

Mr. Pratt called for the reading of the memorial. The said joint resolution was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Ecklee from the select committee to whom was referred the preamble and joint resolution in relation to a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, made a report thereon, concluding with recommending the passage of said preamble and joint resolution; whereupon,

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

Five hundred extra copies of the report were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

MESSAGE.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 6, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment;

Which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The question upon concurrence with the Senate in its amendment to the bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment, was laid upon the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal, was taken from the table, and with a similar bill from the Senate placed on the order of business before the House.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all bills and resolutions laid on the table by the order of this House be hereafter taken from the table and placed on the order of business without the formality of a special motion.

Mr. Hazelton asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Thread River at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern railroad in the county of Genesee, and, the rule having been suspended, the bill was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Pullen,

The House reconsidered the vote refusing to order to a third reading the bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Russell Lyman and eleven other petitioners had leave granted to withdraw their petition in relation to damages sustained by said Lyman by the construction of the Southern railroad through the village of Adrian.

UFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of THOMAS W. DORR, the question being on the adoption of the resolution.

Without taking the question,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and a quorum of members answered to a call of the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, and the question being upon its adoption,

Mr. Speaker (Mr Wyman having been called to the chair) moved to recommit the resolution to the committee on federal relations, with instructions to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the resolving clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Whereas, we have seen with deep regret the course pursued by the government *de facto* of the State of Rhode Island in the prosecution, conviction and sentence of Thomas W. Dorr, on the charge of treason against said government,

And Whereas, in the opinion and judgment of the legislature of the State of Michigan, the ground assumed by said government, and the principle that governed the decision of the tribunal that pronounced judgment upon said Dorr, are in direct contravention of the genius of our republican institutions—a practical violation of the spirit of the constitution of our Union, and subversive of the great principles that constitute the basis of all democratic governments, to wit—the sovereignty of the people and their right in their capacity as sovereign to alter and change their form of government whenever in the opinion of the majority such change is essential to their happiness and prosperity,

And Whereas, we believe the constitution formed by said Dorr and those who acted with him was in conformity to those principles, and that by the voice of the legally qualified voters of said State the

said Dorr was elected Governor under said constitution, and that in his acts under, and by virtue of said authority, he was but in the exercise of a high and solemn duty imposed not only by law but by the principles of free government,

And whereas, the question is one affecting the interests and honor not only of the state and people of Rhode Island, but of the various states of the confederacy and the union, and involving one of the great and fundamental principles of free government, upon which it is not only the right but the duty of the various states of the union in their legislative and sovereign capacity to express an opinion. Therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, that we regard the unjust porsecution and imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, by the existing government of Rhode Island, a gross infraction of the Constitution of the union—a high handed assumption of arbitrary power—an innovation upon the principles that led to the declaration of our independence as a people, and upon which our liberties as a people, our dignity as a nation, and the sovereignty of the states, mainly depend.

Upon this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was rejected by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Packer,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Harvie,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Wood,	
MacLeod,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Munger,	Rose,	Speaker,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Ransom,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Murray,	Walker,	
Hays,			28

Mr. Pratt called for the previous question, and the call was sustained by the House, and the question having been stated, "shall the main question be now put?" it was carried in the affirmative.

The main question beiug upon the adoption of the resolutions the yeas and nays were ordered and they were negatived by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pease,		17

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cook,	Mac Leod,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Harvie,	Packer,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,	Richman,		29

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned.

Saturday, March 8, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order.

A quorum of members appeared.

Prayer by the Rev Mr. Watson.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pratt—Of Horatio Lee and others, for the extension of the time for paying certain instalments on university lands for one year on account of the failure of the wheat crop the present year. Referred to the committee on public lands.

By the same—Claim of L. R. Slawson. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to repeal an act for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved April 18, 1839,

A bill declaratory of an act entitled an act for the transfer of certain causes from the supreme court to the court of chancery, and for other purposes; and

A bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, and that the same had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Stone, from the committee on ways and means, made the following report:

The committee on ways and means, agreeably to a resolution of this House, have made enquiry whether the salaries and perquisites or compensation now paid to any of the officers of the state are too high, and whether any such officers are unnecessary, and can be dispensed with consistently with the public interest, and directed me to submit the following report:

The subject of public salaries under such a government as ours, is one of general interest, and not unfrequently of popular jealousy. While all admit that public service deserves pecuniary compensation much difference of opinion exists as to the proper rates and amounts. As to the sum due a given service, your committee are aware of no better criterion than what is ordinarily realized in private employment by the order of ability which the service in allusion requires.—The known fact that individuals are ever found to accept offices at a pecuniary sacrifice, does not, in our opinion controvert the rule. The love of civil fame is a prominent trait in the human character, and generally speaking, is strongest in capable and generous minds. Indeed the most competent for public service, are often as remarkable for honorable ambition, as for exemption from avarice. That state therefore, which takes advantage of these virtues to save a pittance to the treasury, is unjust to itself and its most meritorious citizens.

On no pretence, under no circumstances whatever, should the salaries of public servants, whose time and talents are devoted to the

state be reduced below a suitable support. Otherwise, those of limited fortunes would be driven ultimately from the public service, and their places filled with others whose wealth enables them to sustain the loss, and who desire office as a means of influence, or other ulterior purpose. In short, the policy would favor the opulent by the oppression or exclusion of the less fortunate.

On comparing the various salaries of our state offices with the test suggested, your committee are of opinion that in no instance, is the sum paid too high.

As to the second branch of the enquiry, the committee know of no salaried office in the state that could be dispensed with, to the public advantage.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred sundry petitions asking for an alteration in the license law, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to report, that an act having been passed by this legislature in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners they do not deem any further legislation on the subject this session necessary, they therefore respectfully report back said petitions to the House and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr Pratt, from the committee on claims reported in favor of the allowance of the claim of John Brown, at $3,50, and move its reference to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to insert the same on the general appropriation bill, and the claim was referred accordingly.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following communication:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 8, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, a joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Monroe.

Also, an act to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 7, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

I am also instructed to transmit a bill to provide for the laying out a state road from Augusta to Yankee Springs,

A bill to amend the general election law, and

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors to raise by tax, a sum sufficient to erect county buildings.

Which several bills the senate have passed, and respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

The bill to authorize the board of supervisors of the respective counties of this state to raise by tax, a sum aufficient to erect county buildings, was (the rule having, on motion of Mr. Pratt, been suspended) referred to the committee of the whole.

The bill to provide for the laying out of a state road from Augusta to Yankee Springs, was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The bill to amend the general election law was referred to the committee on elections.

MOTIONS, RSEOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

The vote rejecting the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, was reconsidered; and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The same was made the special order for this evening.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the state for delinquent taxes and for other purposes, and

The joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public uses, were,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Recommitted to the committee on engrossment and enrollment for correction.

The bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the mouth of Galien river, and also, in aid of the construction of a wagon road from New Troy and New Buffalo;

Having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Roof,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,
Cook,	Munger,	Shaw,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Power,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	Speaker,
Jones,		25

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Packer,
Arnold,	Hays,	Pullen,
Blair,	Hazleton,	Rose,
Cartter,	Humphrey,	Stone,
Compton,	Menzie,	Walker,
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,
Eastman,		19

The bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater having been read a third time was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Roof,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,
Arnold	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Jones,	Shaw,
Compton,	Mason,	Steevens,
Cook,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Murray,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Vickery,
Groves,	Pratt,	Walker,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Wood,
Hays,	Ransom,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Richman,	Speaker, 39

NAYS:

Mr. Cartter,	Davis,	2

The bill to amend part first, title two of the Revised Statutes having been read a third time,

Mr. Pratt asked the unanimous consent of the House to offer an amendment to the bill.

Objection being made, the question was taken and the bill passed.

The bill to change the name of Norton Hadley Beckwith, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Jones,	Roof,
Arnold,	MacLeod,	Rose,
Blair,	Munger,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Murray,	Shaw,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Walker,
Groves,	Power,	Wood,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Humphrey,	Ransom	33

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Steevens,
Compton,	Hill,	Stone,
Cook,	D. Johnson,	Taylor,
Davis,	Mason,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Menzie,	14

The question having been announced to be upon the passage of the joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, the same having been read a third time, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Cook,	A. S. Johnson,	Shaw,
Eastman,	Mason,	Steevens,
Ecklee,	MacLeod,	Wyman,
Galloway,	Packer,	Speaker,
Groves,	Pratt,	20

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Menzie,	Stone,
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,

Compton,	Murray,	Thompson,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Vickery,
Harvie,	Pullen,	Walker,
Hays	Roof,	Wood,
Hazelton,		25

The bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Cook,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Rose,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Schwarz,
Galloway,	Power,	Steevens,
Groves,	Pratt,	Taylor,
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Thompson,
Hill,	Richman,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	Speaker,
Jones,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Eastman,	Mr. Murray,
Andrews,	Harvie,	Packer,
Blair,	Hays,	Pitcher,
Bowman,	Humphrey,	Pullen,
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Stone,
Compton,	Mason,	Walker,
Davis,	Menzie,	20

The bill to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low lands, and to repeal an act for similar purposes, approved April, 1839, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

And with the unanimous consent of the House, the provisions of the bill were extended to the county of Wayne; and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was passed as amended, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Roof,
Arnold,	A. S. Jonhson,	Rose,
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Munger,	Shaw,
Cook,	Murray,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Packer,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Thompson,

Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Williams	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wyman,,	
Hays,			34

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Power,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Taylor	
Davis,	Menzie,	Speaker.	
D. Johnson,			10

The joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey for a horse lost in the service of the state, in defending the supremacy of its laws, was read a third time and rejected, the yeas and nays having been ordered, by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Richman,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Roof,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Schwarz,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Shaw,	
A. S. Johnson,	Power,	Stone,	
Jones,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Mason,	Ransom,	Wyman,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Harvie,	Rose,	
Blair,	Hazelton,	Taylor,	
Bowman,	Hill,	Vickery,	
Cartter,	Humphrey,	Walker,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Wood,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Speaker,	
Davis,	Murray,		23

The bill to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erec a dam across Flat river, in the county of Kent;

The bill to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign to erect a dam across Flat river, in the county of Montcalm;

The bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren;

The bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the township of Bennington to make alterations in a certain state road;

The bill for the preservation of the state library;

The bill for the relief of Lucius Warner;

The bill to provide for the service of process upon corporations in certain cases;

The bill to provide for the payment oi G. F. Rood & Co.;

The bill declaratory of an act entitled an act for the transfer of certain causes from the supreme court to the court of chancery, and for other purposes;

The joint resolution relative to a settlement with E. Corning & &o.; and

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution;

Were severally read a third time and passed.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported back the bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the state for delinquent taxes and for other purposes; and

The joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public uses, severally with corrections, and said bill and joint resolution having been previously read twice, were thereupon passed.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The vote upon the adoption of the joint resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution was reconsidered, and the question recurring upon its adoption, it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Hill,	Ransom,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Roof,
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Jones,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Mason,	Stone,
Cook,	Murray,	Thompson,
Davis,	Packer,	Walker,
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Ecklee,	Power,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Hays,		34

NAYS.

Mr. Compton,	Mr. Menzie,	Mr. Rose,
Groves,	Munger,	Taylor,
D. Johnson,	Richman,	Vickery,
MacLeod,		10

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pease until Monday next and

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Vickery for the remainder of this day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair; and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to incorporate the Olivet College, and

A bill to simplify the laws of the state of Michigan so as to come within the knowledge of every person, and to admit every man to the bar, and for other purposes;

In which said bills the committee had directed their chairman to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

And leave was granted accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The consideration of thebill to incorporate the Olivet College was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported without amendment,

A joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors on the north western lakes;

A bill to provide for constructing a road from Flint to Sawinaw;

A bill to amend chapter 4 title 1 part third of the Revised Statutes;

Which said bills were severaly ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman of the committee of the whole House, also reported without amendment, a bill to incorporate the Michigan Central College, at Spring Arbor. And,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was committed to a select committee consisting of Messrs. D. Johnson, Pratt, Harvie, Ecklee and Wyman.

The committee further reported:

The bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a stage road from Paw Paw to St. Joseph;

The bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes;

The bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the state in common with individuals;

In which the committee of the whole had made sundry amendments, and in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And thereupon the several amendments were severally concurred in, and said bills respectively ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also reported as amendeded in committee of the whole House:

The bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Boston, in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road; and said amendments were concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

Section two was amended by inserting in the fifth line thereof, between the words "road" and "provided" the following:

"Excepting the last three miles of said road, from its termination at the village Sarenac."

And the bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

The consideration of the special order for this evening was postponed until Tuesday afternoon next.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The vote upon ordering the bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General and for other purposes, to be engrossed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The following was added to the bill to stand as section eight:

"Section one of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved March 11, 1844 and for other purposes, be and the same is hereby amended by stri-

king out of section all after the word "valuation" in line seven to the end of the section."

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

Section nine (which was stricken out in committee of the whole,) was restored to the bill.

On motion of Mr. Ransom,

The bill was laid upon the table, and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 10, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Schwarz—Claims of A. S. Bagg and of Bagg & Harmon. Referred to committee on claims.

By Mr. Bancroft—Claim of Ebenezer Westbrook. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Mason—Of inhabitants of Monroe county for the passage of a law to bar the recovery of damages in certain actions of trespass. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman from the committee of engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the state in common with individuals.

A bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of a stage road from Paw Paw to St. Joseph.

Joint resolution relative to improvement of harbors, on north-west lakes.

A Bill to provide for constructing a road from Flint to Saginaw.

Bill to amend chapter 4, title 1, part 3, of the Revised Statutes.

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Saranac, in the county of Iona, to be denominated the Clinton Road.

Mr. Schwarz from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to provide for the laying out a state road from Augusta to Yankee Springs, reported the same back to the House and the committee recommended the passage of the said bill.

Whereupon the bill was committed to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washtenaw, praying the passage of a law to prevent the destruction of deer, at "*the period of dropping their young*," report the following bill, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, further reported, as follows:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred several petitions, praying an extension of time for the collection of taxes, report the accompanying bill in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, made the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a special message from the executive, asking legislative action in relation to certain assets of the Michigan State Bank, report the accompanying bill, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, reported further, as follows:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of instruction relative to the acknowledgment of deeds by femme coverts, report the accompanying bill pursuant to their instructions, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, made the following further report :

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration, a resolution instructing them "to report a bill amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings,' so as to confer upon creditors under proper restrictions, the benefit of summons against garnishees in suits commenced by summons," &c. They respectfully report the accompanying bill, framed in conformity with their instructions, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, further reported :

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a petition from Lenawee county, praying the legalization of certain acts performed under an act entitled "an act relative to the duties of assessors and highway commissioners," report the following general bill, in conformity with the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

The said reports were severally accepted by the House, the committee discharged from the consideration of the various subjects therein referred to, and the said bills respectively read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, of the House, acting jointly with a select committee of the Senate, under a joint resolution of both Houses, reported at length on a memorial of certain European bond holders, relative to certain bonds issued under the $5,000,000 loan.

On motion of Mr. Hays,

The report was laid upon the table and two thousand extra copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. D. Johnson, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to incorporate the Michigan Central College at Spring Arbor, reported the same back in a readable form, and the bill was placed upon the order of bills for a third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harvie moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Baily for a horse lost in the service of the State in defending the supremacy of its laws, and the yeas

and nays having been ordered, the motion prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Munger,	Mr. Shaw,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Stone,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Taylor,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Thompson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	Wood,	
Jones,	Rose,	Wyman,	
Mason,	Schwarz,	Speaker,	
MacLeod,			25

NAYS :

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Magoon,	
Arnold,	Davis,	Menzie,	
Bancroft,	Groves,	Murray,	
Bowman,	Hill,	Ransom,	
Cartter,	Humphrey,	Vickery,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Walker,	18

And on motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Jones moved an adjournment, which was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Thread river at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern railroad, was placed as first in order upon the general orders of the day.

Mr. Harvie offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, We have heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. George Morell, late Chief Justice of the State of Michigan, therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That we sympathise with his bereaved family in their loss, and that as a mark of respect to his memory, we will as a body attend his funeral this afternoon.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements on the part of this House for attending the funeral of the deceased.

The chair announced Messrs. Harvie, Stone, Ransom, MacLeod and Carter as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The vote rejecting the joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith was reconsidered, and the resolutions placed upon the order of bills upon their passage; and

On motion of Mr. Ransom,

The resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, was taken from the table and placed in the order of bills for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ransom,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Galloway until to-morrow.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to amend chapter 4, title 1, part 3rd of the Revised Statutes;

The bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the state in common with individuals.

A bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien;

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Sarenac, in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road; and

A Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors of the northern lakes, were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill to provide for the constructing a road from Flint to Saginaw read a third time and on motion of Mr. Hazelton was laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act, to establish a board of county auditors for the county of Wayne and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1843, having been read a third time,

On motion of Mr. Schwarz,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to regulate the militia being under consideration and the question being on its passage,

On motion of Mr. Stone, it was laid upon the table.

Mr. Murray moved an adjournment, which did not prevail.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House take a recess until half past six o'clock this evening, which was also lost.

Mr, Steevens moved that the House do now adjourn—lost.

Mr. Hazelton moved a call of the House, which motion was not sustained.

Mr. Hill moved that the House adjourn, which was lost.

On motion of D. Johnson,

House bill No. 34, ceding jurisdiction &c., was laid on the table.

The bill from the Senate ceding jurisdiction to the United States on a tract of land situated in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, it was lost.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House do now adjourn, which was lost.

The chairman announced as the unfinished business before the House, the question upon the reconsideration of the joint resolution in relation to the military academy at West Point, and the yeas and nays having been ordered it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	Murray,	Schwarz,
Cartter,	Packer,	Shaw,
Davis,	Power,	Walker,
Ecklee,	Richman,	Wyman,
Groves,	Roof,	Speaker,
Hays,		19

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,
Blair	Jones,	Stone,
Bowman,	Mason,	Taylor,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	23

Mr. MacLeod moved a call of the House, which was sustained,—and upon calling the roll, it appeared that Messrs. Bancroft, Cook, Eastman Harvie, Humphrey, Jones, Magoon, Packer, Pitcher, Power, Pratt, Schwarz, Taylor and Vickery were absent without leave.

Mr. Steevens moved that all further proceedings under the call be suspended, which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The Sergeant-at-arms was dispatched after the absentees;

Who reported that the absentees were all present except Mr. Power, whom he could not find.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Harvie, from the select committee, to whom it was referred to make arrangements on the part of this House for attending the funeral of the late Chief Justice of this state, this afternoon, respectfully recommend to the members of this House, to meet in this hall at 2½ o'clock P. M., and thence proceed to St. Pauls church, there to join the funeral procession.

The report of the committee was accepted, and

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, March 11, 1845.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

The Speaker presented the claim of E. J. Roberts, which was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Power presented the claim of A. S. Bagg, for stationery &c., referred to committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee on printing to whom was referred the claims of Bagg and Harmon, reported the same back to the House and recommended their allowence, and that the same be committed to the committee on ways and means with instructions to incorporate said claims in the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Roof from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Schwarz moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the indefinite postponement of the bill to amend an act entitled an act to esta-

blish a board of county auditors for Wayne county, and for other purposes, which prevailed.

Mr. Stillson asked, for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to amend the act entitled an act for the regulation of internal improvements, approved March 25, 1840, accompanied by a communication from John M. Berrien, relating to the same subject, and the said bill and communication were referred to the committee on ways and means.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish a board of county auditors for the county of Wayne, &c., being under consideration, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary with instructions to strike out of the 12th and 13th lines of section three the words "the supervisors" and insert insert in lieu thereof the words following, "a special board consisting of the associate judges and judge of probate," also, to strike out of the 13 line of the same section the words "their clerk" and insert in lieu thereof the words "county clerk."

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

The bill to provide for taking the census, and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes, were severally laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The consideration of the bill authorizing the building a dam across the River Raisin, was postponed for one week.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,

The consideration of the bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river, and

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The consideration of the bill to provide for the erection of a state armory, were severally indefinitely postponed.

The question being announced to be upon concurring in the amendment of the Senate to the bill to amend an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment, the said amendment was not concurred in.

The House bill No. 74, to amend the revised statutes in relation to the action of ejectment, was read a third time and passed.

The House bill No. 91, to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A committee of the Honorable the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Smith and Hart, was announced, who presented the following resolution, which the committee informed the House had been passed by the Senate:

Resolved, That the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives be invited to attend the investigation of alleged breach of the privilege of the Senate, at each session of the Senate thereon.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be requested to permit the Senate to occupy their Hall during the sessions on said investigation.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to announce the foregoing resolutions to the House forthwith.

The House had under consideration the bill No. 135, to provide for the re-assessment of taxes &c.; and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was committed to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Harvie from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred the bill to amend the act to establish a board of county auditors &c., with instructions to make sundry amendments therein, reported the same back to the House amended in conformity with said instructions.

Mr. Bancroft asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will attend the sittings of the Senate, on the question of privilege now before that body, and that the use of this Hall be granted to the Honorable, the Senate, every afternoon and evening.

Mr. Steevens moved to amend the resolution by inserting every morning after eleven o'clock.

Mr. Stone moved to amend by substituting the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House respectfully decline accepting the invi-

tation, and complying with the request contained in the resolutions of the Senate communicated to the House this day.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Blair,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Munger,	Williams,	
Hazleton,	Pitcher,	Wood,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Murray,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Power,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,	36

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in testimony of our respect for the Senate, the House of Representatives will accept the invitation to be present at the trial of breach of privilege.

Resolved, That we hereby tender the Hall of the House of Representatives to the Senate for the present trial, after the hour of ten o'clock.

And the yeas and nays having been ordered, they were adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	MacLeod,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Shaw,	
Davis,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Stillson,	
Galloway,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Power,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Jones,			34

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Roof,	
Bancroft,	Hazleton,	Stone,	
Blair,	Hill,	Thompson,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Williams,	
Cook,	Mason,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,		17

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A committee of two were appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions; and the chair appointed Messrs. Pratt and Vickery as said committee.

The said committee shortly after reported to the House that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. MacLeod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration a bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across Thread river, at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern railroad, and had made sundry amendments therein in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Pending the question of concurrence,

On motion of Mr. Hazleton,

The bill was laid upon the table, and

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, March 12, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pitcher—The memorial of Asher Benham, relative to monies over paid by him to certain school treasurers. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pratt—Claims of the joint committee to examine the state prison. Referred to the committee on claims.

By the same—The claim of the Quartermaster General for services the past year.

REPORTS.

Mr. Roof, from the committee on ways and means, to whom was recommitted the bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, reported the same back to the House with sundry amendments.

Mr. Roof, from the same committee reported a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the regulation of internal improvement, approved March 25, 1840, and the same was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly enrolled, a bill for the relief of Horace Steevens, and that the said bill had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signatare.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following communications:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 12, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, an act to lay out, establish and provide for the construction of a state road, commencing at the quarter post between sections twenty-three and twenty-six, town four north of range ten west in the county of Barry, thence by the most direct and eligible route to the village of Grand Rapids, in Kent county;

Also, an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and improve the Pontiac and Grand River road, approved March 9, 1844.

JNO. S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 12, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State a joint resolution relative to the settlement with E. Corning & Co.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds and instruments of writing out of the state, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

I am also instructed to transmit a bill for improving the state road from Marshall to Ionia; and

A bill to vacate certain streets in the village of Bertrand.

Both of which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The bills referred to in the foregoing message, were severally referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a joint resolution relative to a settlement with E. Corning & Co., and,

A bill for the relief of Horace Steevens.

And respectfully inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENTAE CHAMBER,
March 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have passed a resolution dispensing with the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives during the day.

Your ob't servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

Mr. MacLeod offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the House of Representatives view with indignation, the printing of their journal for Tuesday, the 11th instant, and whether the result of infamous premeditation or of reprehensible carelessness, they regard it as highly insulting to the dignity of the House, and as deserving its severest censure.

Resolved, That we indignantly reject the journal of the 11th inst., and order it reprinted.

Mr Wyman asked for and obtained leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of the state, approved March 12, 1844; and the said bill was committed to the committee on internal improvements.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The general appropriation bill was made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill making an improvement on the Kalamazoo River was taken from the general order and placed in the order of unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Shaw, and

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Bancroft severally for an indefinite time.

On motion of Mr. Power,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Hill for this day.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The House had under consideration House bill No. 18 to provide for the current expenses of the state &c. and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was laid upon the table,

The joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, having been previously read a third time, was passed.

The bill to regulate the militia, being under consideration and the

question being on concurring with the select committee in their amendments to the bill,

Mr. Pratt moved to recommit the bill to the select committee with instructions to strike out the provision of the bill fixing the salary of the Adjutant General at $150, and insert in lieu thereof, $300 which motion was lost, (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Roof,	
Eastman,	Mason,	Rose,	
Galloway,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Harvie,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Hays,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Hazelton,	Power,	Thompson,	
D. Johnson,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Jones,	Pullen,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Ecklee,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Groves,	Richman,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Stone,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Vickery,	
Cartter,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Compton,	Packer,	Williams,	
Cook,	Pease,	Wood,	
Davis,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	24

Mr. Hazelton moved to recommit said bill with instructions to strike out $150 and insert $250.

Mr. Pratt named $275,

Mr. Hazelton named $250.

Mr. D. Johnson named $200.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The question was taken separately, and the same having been announced to be on the recommitment of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold	Magoon,	Roof,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Rose,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Hays,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Power,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pratt,		20

NAYS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Richman,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Groves,	Ransom,	Wyman,	27

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill it was carried in the affirmative and the bill was passd.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan Central college at Spring Arbor, and the question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Harvie asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House, to move that the fourth section of the bill be stricken out, which prevailed, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Steevens,	
Arnold,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Munger,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Packer,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Power,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Ransom	Wood,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Roof,	Speaker,	
D. Johnson,	Rose,		35

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Galloway,	A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	
Groves,	Murray,	Williams,	
Hays,			10

Upon the question of the adoption of the joint resolution to compensate Lewis E. Bailey, for a horse lost in the service of the state, in defending the supremacy of its laws, the yeas and nays having been ordered, the same was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Rose,
Eastman,	Munger,	Schwarz,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Steevens,
Harvie,	Power,	Stone,

Hazelton,	Pratt,	Thompson,
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Wyman,
Jones,	Richman,	Speaker,
Mason,	Roof,	23

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pease,
Arnold,	Hays,	Ransom,
Blair,	Humphrey,	Stillson,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Taylor,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Vickery,
Compton,	Menzie,	Walker,
Cook,	Murray,	Williams,
Davis,	Packer,	Wood,
Galloway,		25

Mr. Compton moved the reconsideration of the vote, which was objected to.

The House having under consideration the bill to provide for taking the census,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Saginaw road between the village of Flint, in Genessee county, and Saginaw city, in the county of Saginaw, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was passed by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Rose,
Cook,	Munger,	Schwarz,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Steevens,
Galloway,	Pease,	Taylor,
Groves,	Power,	Thompson,
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Vickery,
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Wyman,
D. Johnson,	Richman,	Speaker,
Jones,	Roof,	26

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pitcher,
Andrews,	Hays,	Pullen,
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Stillson,
Blair,	Magoon,	Stone,
Cartter,	Mason,	Walker,
Compton,	Menzie,	Williams,
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,
Eastman,		22

The Senate bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish a board of auditors, for Wayne county, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill No. 135, to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes, being under consideration, the amendments of the committee of ways and means were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, as was also a bill to authorize the sale of lands on Macon Reserve.

The bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal, and the bill to amend the revised statutes, relative to the action of ejectment, were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river, being under consideration, and the question being upon ordering the bill to a third reading,

Mr. Cook moved a call of the House, which was not sustained, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it passed to a third reading, by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Packer,	Taylor	
Ecklee,	Power,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wyman,	
A. S. Jonhson,	Roof,	Speaker,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Pullen,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stone,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pease,		23

The House had also under consideration a bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the respective counties of this state to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings, and the question

being upon concurring with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, the same were concurred in by the House.

The Chair announced the receipt of a communication from Messrs. Bagg & Harmon, on the subject of a resolution of the House adopted this day, and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The same was ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House.

FREE PRESS OFFICE,
March 12, 1845.

HON. A. S. HANSCOM, *Speaker of House of Representatives:*

DEAR SIR :—We have this moment received a note from the clerk, accompanied by a resolution, passed by the House in relation to a typographical error.

We regret this error, and are at a loss to know how it occurred. The proof is read by Mr. Harmon, but of necessity, in great haste, in consequence of the lateness of the hour. Mr. Harmon is confident that the error was made *after* the proof was corrected, but by whom is not known. If the error *was* overlooked by the proof reader, it was in consequence of the repetitions in a daily journal.

The reprint will soon be sent up. Hoping this will be taken as a sufficient excuse for the error, which was truly an oversight, and not an intentional one. We are, &c. BAGG & HARMON.

Mr. Menzie moved that the House take a recess until half past two o'clock. Lost.

Mr. Power asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to amend part 1st, title 4, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the House take a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Galloway moved to amend by substituting half past two as the hour for re-assembling.

Which motion was lost, and the original motion prevailed, and the House adjourned until two o'clock.

Afternoon Session—Two o'clock.

The chair announced as the special order of the day, the question upon the reconsideration of the vote rejecting the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr.

On motion of Mr. Ecklee,

The consideration of the subject was postponed to Saturday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Pratt in the chair; and after a short time spent thereon, the committee rose without action upon the order.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The rule requiring that bills in committee of the whole house be taken up in their order upon the general orders, was suspended, and the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Pratt in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

A bill to authorize school district No. 1, in the township of Battle Creek, to borrow money and lay certain taxes;

A bill to revive and extend an act entitled an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbornville;

A bill to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to divide the Upper Peninsula into six counties, and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1843;

And had directed their chairman to report the same without amendment.

And thereupon said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported the following bills from the Senate without amendment:

A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing under seal;

The bill concerning certain records of the circuit court, for the county of Oakland;

The bill to provide for the laying out of a state road, from Augusta to Yankee Springs;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon lake;

The bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grandville to Grand Haven,

And the bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon lake, and said bills were severally ordered to a 3d reading.

The chairman also reported without amendment a bill to abolish the punishment of death and for other purposes.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Roof,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Davis,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,		26

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pullen,	
Cook,	Mason,	Ransom,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Rose,	
Groves,	Packer,	Taylor,	
Hays	Power,	Thompson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pratt,	Speaker,	18

The chairman further reported without amendment the bill for the relief of Henrick Willey, and,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The said bill was laid upon the table.

The chairman of the committee of the whole house also reported without amendment a bill making provision for the payment of certain bonds against the State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hays moved that the consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, and,

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The motion was laid upon the table.

The chairman further reported without amendment,

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Ann Arbor to Mooreville; and

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported, with sundry amendments,

A bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute; and the question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole, in said amendments,

On motion of Mr. Ecklee,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The chairman also reported, with an amendment,

A joint resolution for the relief of George N. Turner.

The amendment of the committee was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The provision allowing interest was stricken out, and the resolution was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also reported, with sundry amendments,

A bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement.

Mr. Pratt moved that the bill and amendments be laid upon the table.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Rose,	
Davis,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Galloway,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Murray,	Speaker,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,		17

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Hays,	Roof,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,

Compton,	Mac Leod,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	24

Mr. Murray moved that the House adjourn, which was lost.

Mr. D. Johnson offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That this legislature adjourn *sine die* on Monday, the 17th day of March inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

Objection having been made to the consideration of the resolution it was thereupon referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mr. Cook moved an adjournment, which did not prevail.

The question having been stated to be upon concurring with the committee of the whole house, in their amendments to the bill,

Mr. D. Johnson moved the previous question, and the House having sustained the call, the chair announced the previous question as follows:

Shall the main question be now put?

And the yeas and nays having been ordered it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Arnold,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Blair,	Mac Leod,	Stone,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Pitcher,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,			16

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, which was not sustained.

Mr. Cartter moved that the House do now adjourn, and on this motion the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pratt,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Pullen,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	21

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Rose,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Schwarz,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Taylor,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Thompson,	
Jones,			16

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Roof,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Mac Leod,	Williams,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Davis,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,		23

Mr. Cartter moved a call of the House, which was not sustained.

Mr. Pratt moved that the House do now adjourn,

Mr. Mac Leod rose to a point of order, and the chair decided that the motion was in order.

Mr. Mac Leod appealed from the decision of the chair, and upon the question shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House? the yeas and nays were ordered, and the decision of the chair was not sustained by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Cook,	Magoon,	Schwarz,

Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Wyman,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Ecklee,	Mr. Pease,	
Andrews,	Groves,	Pitcher,	
Blair,	Hays,	Pullen,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Menzie,	Williams,	21

The question having recurred upon concurring in the amendment to the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they were concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Blair,	Mason,	Roof,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Speaker,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Murray,	
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Cook,	Jones,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Magoon,	Thompson,	
Galloway,			13

Mr. Cartter moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the House refused to reconsider the motion to adjourn,

And the chair decided that the motion was not in order.

Mr. Cook moved a call of the House, which the chair also decided not to be in order, and

On motion of Mr. Pease the House adjourned.

Thursday, March 13, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hazelton—Of 91 inhabitants of the county of Genesee, asking the appointment of a special commissioner to rebuild a bridge across the Thread River, in said county, and for other purposes. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Pratt—Claims of Alexander Goodell, and of Felicita Hale. Referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to authorize the sale of lands on Macon Reserve;

A bill to authorize school district No. one, in the township of Battle Creek, to borrow money and levy certain taxes;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to divide the upper Peninsula into six counties, and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1843;

A bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes;

A bill to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

A bill to re-organize a road district of parts of the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb;

A bill to revise and extend an act entitled an act, to extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit river to Dearbornville;

A joint resolution for the relief of George N. Turner.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing under seal, out of the State; and

An act to authorize the board of supervisors of the respective coun-

ties of this State to raise by tax, a sum sufficient to erect county buildings.

Mr. Hays, from the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act providing for the adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of this state, approved March 12th, 1844, reported the same back to the House without amendment, recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Golloway from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred the Senate bill to vacate portions of certain streets in the village of Bertrand, also,

A bill to provide for improving a state road from Marshall to Ionia, reported said bills back to the House without amendment, and the same were referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENTAE CHAMBER,
March 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Galien river, and also in aid of the construction of a waggon road from New Troy to New Buffalo, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river having been read the third time, and the question having been announced to be upon is passage, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,
Bowman,	Munger,	Schwarz,

Cook,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Ransom,	Vickery,	
Hill,	Richman,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	Speaker,	
D. Johnson,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pullen,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wood,	21

A bill to authorize the appointment of commissions to take the acknowledgement of deeds and other instruments of writing under seal;

A bill concerning certain records of the circuit court for the county of Oakland;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Augusta to Yankee Springs;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon Lake;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon river;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Grandville to Grand Haven;

A bill to authorize school district number one, in the township of Battle Creek, to borrow money and levy certain taxes;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to divide the Upper Peninsula into six counties and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1843;

A bill to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

A bill to revive and extend an act entitled an act to extend Fort Street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbornville;

Were severally read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The consideration of the bill to provide for taxing the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Company, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to authorize the sale of lands on the Macon Reserve hav-

ing been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered and it passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Richman,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Roof,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Carter,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Munger,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Harvie,	Power,	Wood,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hazleton,	Pullen,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Walker,	
Groves,	Menzie,	Williams,	6

Mr. D. Johnson moved to amend the title of the bill by substituting the following:

"A bill for the relief of the Catholic Church of St. Ann, of the city of Detroit," which was lost, and the original title of the bill retained by the House.

The joint resolution for the relief of George N. Turner having been read a third time, and the question being upon its adoption,

Mr. Carter moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution; which motion did not prevail, and the resolution as engrossed was adopted.

The bill to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne, having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Carter asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend section 1, by striking out of the 5th line, the words "and include," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "at," and thereupon the bill as amended was passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes, and the question being upon the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was re-committed to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to add a proviso thereto.

Mr. Stone asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report said bill back to the House amended in conformity with said instructions, and thereupon the bill as amended was passed.

Mr. Harvie moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the passage of the Senate bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgement of deeds and other instruments of writing under seal.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Stone moved that the bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement be taken up next in order, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Pitcher,

The bill to provide for taking the census was laid upon the table.

The House had under consideration a bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Section 1 was amended by striking out after the words "adjutant general," the words "five hundred dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such sum as may be provided by law," and thereupon the bill as amended was passed.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The consideration of the bill to amend the act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, was indefinitely postponed.

The House had under consideration a bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement.

Mr. Harvie offered the following amendment to be inserted at the end of section two:

Provided that no new contracts shall be let under the several acts referred to in this act, when it shall be ascertained that an amount of land scrip exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars is outstanding.

And the yeas and nays having been ordered, the amendment was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold, Mr. A. S. Jonhson, Mr. Roof,

Cartter,	Jones,	Rose,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor	
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Groves,	Power,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,	24

Mr. Pratt moved to insert the following at the end of section 3:

And provided further, That contracts shall be let for no greater distance upon the Central and Southern Railroads, than the appropriations made for the extension of those works beyond Hillsdale and Kalamazoo respectively, shall complete ready for the iron; any thing in either of the acts referred to in section one of this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Stillson called for the previous question, which call was not sustained by the House.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the House take a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon, which prevailed.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll of members, it appeared that there was not a quorum of the House present.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that Messrs. Blair, Bowman, Cook, Davis, Hays, Hazelton, Hill, D. Johnson, Magoon, Mac Leod, Menzie, Munger, Packer, Pease, Power, Ransom, Reof, Schwarz, Shaw, Stillson, Williams and Wood, were absent from the House without leave.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

A second call of the House was ordered, when it appeared that Messrs. Blair, Bowman, Cook, Davis, Hays, Hazelton. Hill, D. Johnson, Magoon, Mac Leod, Menzie, Munger, Packer, Pease, Power, Richman, Roof, Schwarz, Shaw, Stillson, Williams and Wood, were absent without leave of abence.

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Menzie; and

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Mac Leod respectively, until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Packer until Monday;

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched for the absentees.

Mr. Cartter moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which motion was lost.

Mr. Wyman moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Sgereant-at-arms was ordered to bring in he absentees.

Mr. Cartter rose to a question of order, and the chair decided that the motion was in order.

Mr. Cartter appealed from the decision of the chair, and upon the question, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?" the decision of the chair was sustained.

The sergeant-at-arms reported that the absentees were all present, except five, and that officer was again despatched for the absentees.

Mr. D. Johnson asked for the unanimous consent of the House to move the reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, by which the decision of the chair upon the motion for an adjournment was reversed.

Mr. Cartter objected.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Resolved, That the committee on federal relations be required to report forthwith the joint resolution referred to them fixing the day of adjournment of the legislature.

Mr. Compton moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with; and upon this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Shaw,	
Andrews,	Pitcher,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Pullen,	Vickery,	
Compton,			10

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Rose,	
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	Magoon,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Humphrey,	Roof,	Speaker,	30

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported that he had brought in all the absentees except Mr. Power, who could not be found; whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Pitcher, from the committee on federal relations, in obedience to a resolution of the House, reported back the joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The rule requiring the referrence of the resolution to the committee of the whole was suspended, as was also the rule requiring a third reading thereof.

Mr. Compton asked the unanimous consent of the House to offer a motion amendatory of the resolution by striking out "the hour of 12 o'clock M."

Mr. Cartter objected.

Mr. Wyman asked the unanimous consent of the House to move the recommitment of the resolution to a select committee with instructions to strike out the hour of adjournment.

Mr. Pratt raised a question of order as to the competency of the House to entertain the motion.

The chair decided that the motion is not in order, as it is not competent for the House to entertain a resolution similar in import to the one already passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Cartter appealed from the decision of the chair,

And the question shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House? the yeas and nays were ordered, and the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Compton,	Jones,	Rose,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Wood,	20

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Taylor,	
Blair,	Harvie,	Vickery,	
Cartter,	Stillson,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Stone,	Wyman,	12

The House resumed the consideration of the bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement, and the question being upon the adoption of the amendment, the consideration of which was pending at the hour of recess, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Munger,	Mr. Steevens,	
Cartter,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Power,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Wood,	
Hill,	Roof,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Magoon,	Schwarz,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Pullen,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Jones,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Mason,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pease,		23

Mr. Hazelton moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Power,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Roof,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,		26

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Blair	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,		20

Mr. D. Johnson moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Menzie,	Mr. Steevens,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Power,	Vickery,	
A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Magoon,	Schwarz,		17

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Hill,	Roof,	
Arnold,	Humphrey,	Shaw,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Stone,	
Compton,	Mason,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Pullen,		29

The question having recurred upon the original motion to amend, it prevailed, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr Arnold	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Power,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hill,	Richman,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,	Speaker,	
D. Johnson,	Rose,		26

NAYS:

Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Humphrey,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,		21

Mr. Roof offered the following amendment;

Add to the end of section 3: Provided, that contracts shall be let on each and every work for the improvement of which state lands have been appropriated during the present session of the legislature, (not including those excepted in section one of this act,) between the first day of July and the first day of November next, and in ratio to the number of acres appropriated on each work respectively.

Which amendment (the yeas and nays having been ordered) was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Rose,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Davis,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Power,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wood,	
Hill,	Roof,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Shaw,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Stillson,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Vickery,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Pullen,		23

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the vote on the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Oakland, and adopted by the House, be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The chair (Mr. Wyman) decided the motion was not in order, and, Mr. D. Johnson appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question having been announced "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?" the yeas and nays were ordered and the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Blair,	Jones,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Compton,	Mason,	Stone,
Cook,	Murray,	Taylor,
Davis,	Power,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Pullen,	Walker,
Harvie,	Ransom,	Williams,
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wood,
Hill,	Roof,	Speaker, 36

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Munger,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Pease,
Groves,	Menzie,	Stillson, 9

Mr. Hays moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Pratt moved that the House adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Hays raised the following question of order:

The House cannot entertain a motion to adjourn pending the motion to postpone indefinitely.

The chair decided the motion to adjourn to be in order.

Mr. Hays appealed from the decision of the chair and the question having been stated, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House," it was carried in the affirmative and the decision of the chair was sustained.

The question recurring upon the motion to adjourn, it prevailed and the House was declared to stand adjourned until nine o'olock to-morrow morning.

Friday, March 14, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on enrolment and engrossment, reported as correctly enrolled,

An act making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the mouth of the Galien river, and also in aid of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo, and that said bill had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, reported in favor of the allowance of the following:

Mrs. F. Hale, Benj. B. Moore, P. Hayden, Oliver Goodell.

And said claims were thereupon in accordance of the recommendation of the committee, referred to the committee of ways and means with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 12, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the state for delinquent taxes, and for other purposes, and also to the bill to incorporate the Michigan Central college at Spring Arbor.

I am further instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bills, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same without amendment:

A bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren;

A bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes;

A joint resolution relative to the claim of school district No. 3, in the township of Kalamazoo, and,

A joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis.

I am also instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of D. Fergerson, jr. ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841, and,

A bill to amend the several acts in relation to the village of Pontiac ;

Which several bills the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of D. Ferguson jr. was referred to the committee on claims.

The bill to amend the several acts in relation to the village of Pontiac, and

A bill to amend an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace, were severally referred to the committee on the judiciary,

SENTAE CHAMBER, }
March 14, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House, that the Senate have non-concurred in the joint resolution relative to an adjournment of the legislature.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Bancroft moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the passage of the bill to provide for the reassessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, which prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The House had under consideration a bill for the reassessment of taxes &c.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The bill was amended by inserting a provision authorizing the assessment af any number of city or village lots in one assessment if held by one individual.

And the bill was then passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Shaw,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Munger,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Power,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Richman,	Wyman,	33

Mr. Wyman moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered yesterday by the gentleman from Ionia, was rejected, which motion was lost.

Mr. Power moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,	
Cook,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Eastman,	Jones,	Roof,	
Ecklee,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Galloway,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Harvie,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pease,	Williams,	
Hazleton,	Power,	Speaker,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Schwarz,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Stone,
Bancroft,	Murray,	Taylor,
Bowman,	Pitcher,	Thompson,
Cartter,	Pratt,	Walker,
Compton,	Richman,	Wood,
Davis,	Rose,	Wyman,
Groves,		25

Mr. Harvie moved that the consideration of the bill be postponed to the first of May next, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,
Blair,	Jones,	Roof,
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Taylor,
Galloway,	Pease,	Vickery,
Harvie,	Power,	Williams,
Hays	Pullen,	Speaker,
Humphrey,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Schwarz,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Shaw,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Bowman,	Munger,	Stone,
Cartter,	Murray,	Thompson,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Walker,
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wood,
Ecklee,	Richman,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Rose,	26

Mr. Williams moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,
Compton,	Mason,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Williams,
Galloway,	Pease,	Speaker,
Harvie,	Pitcher,	17

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Schwarz,
Andrews,	Jones,	Shaw,

Bancroft,	Magoon,	Seevens,
Bowman,	Munger,	Stone,
Cartter,	Murray,	Taylor,
Davis,	Power,	Thompson,
Eastman,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Richman,	Walker,
Hays,	Roof,	Wood,
Hazelton,	Rose,	Wyman,
Hill,		31

Mr. Cook moved to lay the bill on the table and order it printed.

The question having been divided it was taken on the motion to lay on the table, which was lost.

Mr. Hays moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to strike out all after the enacting clause, which motion was lost.

Mr. Roof, moved to recommit the bill to a select committee, which was also lost.

And the question recurring upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Schwarz,	
Arnold,	Hill,	Shaw,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Murray,	Walker,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Wyman,	30

NAYS.

Mr. Compton,	Mr. Menzie,	Mr. Roof,	
Cook,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Power,	Vickery,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,	Williams,	
D. Johnson,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
Jones,			16

The House had under consideration the bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute, and the question having been announced to be upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading,

Mr. Stone moved to postpone the consideration of the bill until the first day of May next, which motion was rejected (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Power,	
Bancroft	D. Johnson,	Richman,	
Blair,	Mason,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Murray,	Wood,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Rose,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Cook,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pullen,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Roof,	Speaker,	
Hazelton,			31

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Section 11 was amended by striking out the words "and others" in the fourth line.

Mr. Wyman moved to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the bill, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. D. Johnson moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Wyman moved to amend by striking out the words "Woodstock, county of Lenawee," and insert "Shelby, in the county of Macomb." Lost.

Mr. Bancroft moved to amend by inserting a provision, that no white person be admitted into the school, and that the corporation shall have power to open a law school for the education of colored gentleman for the legal profession, and a medical college for the education of the same class of persons for the practice of medicine.

Which motion prevailed,

Mr. A. S. Johnnson moved to insert, the following at the end of section 2—"provided, all property belonging to said corporation be subject to taxation.

Mr. Galloway moved to insert after the word "institute" in the 1st section, the words "as a branch of the Oberlin Institute of the State of Ohio." The motion was lost.

And the question having recurred upon the motion of Mr. D. Johnson, to strike out all after the enacting clause,

The yeas and nays were demanded and ordered by the House, and it was lost by the following vote.

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Schwarz,
Blair,	Humphrey,	Steevens,
Eastman,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,
Galloway,	Mason,	Stone,
Groves,	Menzie,	Williams,
Harvie,	Murray,	Wyman,
Hays,	Rose,	20

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richman,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Roof,
Bancroft,	Munger,	Shaw,
Bowman,	Pitcher,	Taylor,
Compton,	Power,	Thompson,
Davis,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Walker,
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,
A. S. Johnson,		25

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; as was also the bill for the relief of Henrick Willey.

The House took up for consideration the bill making provision for the payment of certain bonds against the state, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Sec. 2 was amended by adding an additional proviso at the end thereof, "and provided further, that there be any such lands not already appropriated."

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out of the bill all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Carter moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the first section of the bill.

Pending the queston on this motion,

On motion of Mr. Richman,

The House took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

The House was called to order by the Speaker, and a quorum of members appeared.

The House again had under consideration the bill making provision for the payment of certain bonds against the state and for other

purposes, and the question being upon the motion to strike out all after section one, and it was lost.

The question recurring upon the motion to strike out all after the enacting clause it was also lost.

The question thereupon being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed it was lost.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the last vote and the yeas and nays having been ordered the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Ransom,	
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Eastman,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Menzie,	Williams,	
Hazelton,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,	Pitcher,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	Hays,	Rose,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Shaw	
Cartter,	Murray,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Pullen,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Richman,	Vickery,	
Galloway,			19

Mr. Stillson moved to lay the bill upon the table, which motion did not prevail.

And the House thereupon refused to order the bill to be engrossed by the following vote;

YEAS:

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Ransom	
Davis,	Jones,	Richman,	
Eastman,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Mason,	Williams,	
Groves,	Menzie,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Hill,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Shaw,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Arnold,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Cartter,	Pullen,	Thompson,	
Compton,	Roof,	Vickery,	

Galloway, Rose, Walker,
Harvie, Schwarz, 23

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The consideration of the bill authorizing the building a dam across the River Raisin, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The bill to provide for taking the census was laid upon the table.

The House had under consideration a joint resolution of the house proposing a day for the adjournment of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Vickery,

The resolution was laid upon the table.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Cartter in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration the special order of the day being the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, and had instructed their chairman to report progress on the bill, and ask leave to sit again.

And leave was granted accordingly.

MESSAGE.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 14, 1845 }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a joint resolution relative to an adjournment of the legislature, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked?

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y. of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The joint resolution from the Senate relative to an adjournment of the legislature was considered, and the resolution concurred in by the House.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Cartter in the chair, and when the committee rose, the chairman reported in his place that the committee of

the whole House had had under consideration a bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad Company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Railroads;

A bill to provide for the compensation of the Quartermaster General; and

A bill to provide for the survey of the Grand River, which he was directed to report back to the House, the committee having taken no action thereon, and had directed their chairman to ask leave to sit again.

The House granted leave to sit again upon the bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Railroads.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The consideration of the bill to provide for the compensation of the Quartermaster General was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The bill to provide for the survey of Grand River was laid on the table.

The chairman reported without amendment, House bill No. 113 to amend an act relative to common or primary schools; and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported without amendment a bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti Railroad company, and said bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Also with sundry amendments,

A bill from the Senate to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March, 1843, and,

A bill to establish a board of state auditors to investigate and settle certain claims growing out of the sale of primary school, University, state building, salt spring and internal improvement lands.

And that the committtee had directed their chairman to ask the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

The House concurred in said amendments, and the bill to establish a board of state auditors &c., was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

The bill to amend the act relative to common and primary schools was laid upon the table.

The chair announced the following messages from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 14, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, an act to provide for locking the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal into the Clinton river, at the village of Frederick, and for other purposes.

JNO. S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 14, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith respectfully return without my signature, to the House of Representatives, in which the same originated, "A bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in the county of Kent, and for other purposes." This bill proposes to appropriate for the construction of the canal, fifteen thousand acres of land, making the letting of the contracts imperative, and for the survey and improvement otherwise of Grand River, the further quanty of five thousand acres.

I also return in like manner, without my signature, "A Bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Railroad." This bill proposes to appropriate for the purpose named, fifteen thousand acres of land.

I also return in like manner, without my signature, "A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River Turnpike." This bill proposes to appropriate for improvement of the road mentioned, ten thousand acres of land, making it imperative on the board of Internal Improvement, within one month, to appoint a superintendent, who is required under direction of the board, to contract for the improvements as soon as the estimates can be prepared.

I also return in like manner, without my signature, "A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater or Branch." This bill proposes to appropriate forty five thousand acres of land, and makes it imperative on the board of internal improvement to let contracts for grubbing, grading and bridging the road between the places named

to the amount of the appropriation, with the proviso, that they shall be let in such parcels, and be finished at such times as, in the opinion of the board, will secure the greatest amount of work for the appropriation made.

I also return in like manner, without my signature, "A bill to provide for the extension of the Central Railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph." This bill proposes to appropriate one hundred and forty thousand acres of land for grubbing, grading and bridging the Central Railroad, westward from Kalamazoo as far as the appropriation will complete the same. No provision is made for the superstructure.

I also return in like manner, without my signature, "A bill to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee River." This bill proposes to appropriate five thousand acres of land to improve that river.

I also return herewith, in like manner, without my signature, "A bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the mouth of Galien River, and also in aid of the construction of a waggon road from New Troy to New Buffalo." The bill proposes to appropriate for both purposes, two thousand acres.

I have also this day returned, without my signature, to the Senate in which the same originated, "A bill for an appropriation to improve the Kalamazoo River." This bill proposed to appropriate six thousand acres for that purpose. Of this fact mention is here made, for reasons that will afterwards appear. A copy of this communication was transmitted to the Senate with the last named bill, as containing my objections to its passage.

The bills propose to appropriate in all, 243,000 acres, and, in most cases, the expenditure is made imperative upon the board of internal improvement.

At the present session, thirty thousand acres have been appropriated upon the Central Railroad and the Tecumseh branch of the Southern, as also a quantity sufficient to pay arrearages for work upon the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal and to finish locking the same into the Clinton River, estimated by the engineer to require 12,000 acres. At the commencement of the session, 80,000 acres remained unexpended of former appropriations.

Thus it will be seen, that if the bills returned become laws, there

will be appropriated 365,000 acres of internal improvement land, which at its minimum price is equal to $456,250, all to be expended the present year, or at least contracts therefor are to be let, and the several works to be carried forward with diligence, as required by the terms of the several bills, with the unimportant exception applicable to the Southern Railroad.

In addition to the above specific appropriations of lands, there is appropriated by an act approved March 9, 1844, $75,000 of the net proceeds of the Central Railroad to iron the same between Marshall and Kalamazoo. It is of the utmost importance that this appropriation be carried into effect.

The state also owes for iron purchased under former appropriations, and for expenses incurred on the Southern Railroad $80,000, to be paid within the next four months. Besides $60,000, in scrip to be provided for the present year, there will be payable at its close, for interest and arrearages of interest at least $150,000.

The whole liabilities for the year as enumerated above, if the bills returned become laws, will amount to the enormous sum of $821,250 00. The appropriations for labor and materials are far greater than can be judiciously expended on so many diverse works, greater even than would be warranted were the state free from embarrassment and the expenditures to be made in money.

The lands proposed to be appropriated are of the best quality, and as eligibly situated, and every way as desirable for settlement and cultivation as any other public lands in the United States. It is an entirely mistaken opinion that should they not be appropriated, they would not contribute to diminish the indebtedness of the state. It is quite possible that present holders of outsanding bonds and warrants may not wish to make investment in lands, yet such bonds and warrants will be sought by others for that purpose, and thus be cancelled. Within a reasonable time these lands will all be wanted and taken by imigrants and others at the minimum price fixed by law even though payment were required in gold and silver.

During the quarter ending March 1, 1844, before land scrip was issued at all, 1,500 acres more of these lands were sold than during the correspondent quarter of the present fiscal year. The bills propose to appropriate lands, but the appropriation of lands and the issu-

ing of a negotiable land scrip upon estimates for work, is, in truth, but the anticipation of the means of the State at a great sacrifice, and should the amount of land scrip which is authorized by these bills be issued, in addition to the amount already authorized, its value would doubtless be so far depreciated that it would command but a mere nominal price. Though issued from time to time as the several works progressed, the result would be the same; the great surplus always in market would make permanent its depreciation. This depreciation would also be foreseen by contractors and quadruple prices would be required for all work. The property of the State, that, with discreet management, might be made avilable at its full value, would thus be frittered away without any commensurate benefit. But little progress would be made in advancing the several improvements contemplated, and no well founded hope could be entertained of accomplishing, at a future time, what was thus inauspiciously commenced.

No greater amount of land scrip or warrants should be issued in any given year than will probably be wanted during that year for the purchase of lands. Last year 80,000 acres were sold, and there is no reason to belive that more will be sold this. By provision of existing laws, warrants for 122,000 acres are authorized to be issued the present year, being an excess of warrants for 42,000 acres more than should be forced upon the market during that period. Such warrants now command no more than half their nominal value, and the depreciation consequent upon the increase proposed may be easily foreseen.

The argument sometimes used, that work and materials are obtained for depreciated warrants on terms as favorable to the State as they could be procured for money, is so absurd that it scarcely need be refuted. To obtain means to perform their contracts, the contractors, in most cases, sell their warrants for the highest price they will bring in the market, and either the State pays for the work an increased price sufficient to make good the depreciation, or the contractor loses that depreciation. Few persons would claim to be so patriotic as to build railroads for the State for a compensation scarcely equal to one half of the just value of their labor, and the truth is, that the State loses the difference between the nominal and the market value of funds paid out upon its public works. Some unimportant exceptions may exist; but the general truth of the remark will hardly be called in question by those acquainted with the subject.

The depreciated warrants paid out in past years, though receivable for land, have been mostly bought up on speculation, which shows conclusively, that the depreciation was lost by the State, and not by contractors. They took the contracts with the intention of selling the warrants to be received in payment, securing, doubtless, an increased price for their work, that would compensate for depreciation; and such must ever be the case in all future transactions of a similar character.

The means of the state has, at all times, been anticipated, and our works of internal improvement have, hitherto, been accomplished under great disadvantage. Work and materials could doubtless be now procured for ready money, at half the prices paid in former years.

The bills returned proposes to appropriate more lands than the state has. At the close of the last fiscal year, a residue of 294,000 acres remained of the grant of September 4, 1841, liable to the disposal of the legislature, subject however, to enactments then existing, and relating to public lands. From the quantity then on hand deducting 6,000 acres appropriated for the construction of the Grand River bridge, 42,000 acres appropriated this session and 10,000 acres reserved to be taken in the upper peninsula including rejections from former selections, in all 58,000 acres and but 236,000 acres remain. The bills returned propose to appropriate 243,000 acres, being 7,000 more than the state possesses. The land in the upper peninsula for which application has already been made to the commissioner of the general land office, is valuable for other than purposes of cultivation, and can not be properly appropriated or disposed of by acres like other land. In each selection, which cannot be less than half a section, particular points only are valuable, and the residue comparatively worthless. When information is obtained of the success of the applications, special legislation will be required to designate the manner in which this lands hall be disposed of.

Among the enactments subject to the conditions of which should be any legislation having for its object the disposal of all our public lands is "An act making appropriations upon the Central and Southern Railroads," approved February 21, 1843. This act authorizes the letting of such an amount of contracts as will be paid for by one hundred and fifty thousand acres of internal improvement land; the warrants to be drawn upon the internal improvement fund, but the state

to be in no way responsible for their payment until that fund shall be reimbursed by the sale of lands or by monies from other sources. As the internal improvement fund will not be reimbursed by monies from other sources, an appropriation of all the lands is a repudiation of the warrants issued under this act and yet outstanding. If the only substantial means pledged for their payment be otherwise applied, good faith requires that some other provision be made for their redemption, especially as the liability of the state is absolved except through the medium of the lands proposed to be appropriated.

Evidence of indebtedness is oustanding twice greater than the value of the lands at their minimum price, the holders of which are entitled to take the lands in payment. Should they so determine after contracts had been made under the proposed appropriation, which is not improbable, the confusion, difficulties and evils resulting would be almost incalculable, and among the latter, not the least, would be the creation of a debt in violation of the constitution.

The pay of engineers that would be required in carrying into effect the proposed appropriations, would not be less than twenty-five thousand dollars; and the bills make no provision upon the subject. Under present provisions of law, that sum must be taken from the net proceeds of public works, which are solemnly pledged to pay the interest on our public debt, and which, if diverted, must be replaced by increased taxation upon the people.

The bills make no provision to secure the right of way. In cases where right of way cannot be secured by compromise, and such cases are not unfrequent, the State possesses no means to make a lawful tender, unless recourse be had to the proceeds of the public works, already pledged for other objects.

The bill, proposing to appropriate 45,000 acres of land upon the southern railroad, seems to require that the grubbing, grading and bridging, to the amount of the appropriation, be extended from Hillsdale to Coldwater, and no provision is made for superstructure on any portion. The appropriation would be sufficient to procure but a small proportion of the work necessary to prepare the road for the iron, and the means of the State being exhausted, the work performed would soon become worthless.

The bill proposing to appropriate 140,000 acres of land upon the

central railroad provides only for grubbing, grading and bridging the road. No means being held in reserve, the superstructure could not be procured when wanted, and the grading and bridging not being made available for use, would be a loss to the State.

Appropriations of lands upon the roads should be made with a view to revenue, and no more should be undertaken than can be accomplished. Every appropriation for an extension should provide for finishing a given portion of road ready for the iron; and in the procurement of that material sufficient difficulties will be experienced, when all other impediments are removed.

I am in favor of extending the roads, and shall ever advocate all proper measures for that purpose. I believe, however, the bills returned, while they would absorb the means of the state, should they become laws, would defeat the very object they are designed to effect, and render their extension at a future time, if not impossible, at least improbable.

While I am in favor of extending the roads, I may be permitted at the same time to say, that I think their revenue has often been overestimated. The southern road has hitherto yielded no return for the investment made in its construction; but an extension, while it may not secure a net revenue equal to the interest upon the whole cost of the road, will increase that revenue by an amount greater than the interest upon the additional outlay, and at the same time, afford increased advantages to citizens in its vicinity and to the public.

In regard to the revenue upon the central road, I have no hesitation in expressing my belief, that finished to Kalamazoo or to St. Joseph, it will never yield a net annual profit exceeding six per cent. upon the cost of its construction. The net annual proceeds of years past must not all be considered as net profits. A great portion of the road being comparatively new, allowance has not been made for repairs that ere long will be required for dilapidaton now in progress, but yet not so far advanced as to require attention: All the bridges must be re-built within a few years, and the whole superstructure renewed. At the present moment iron to the amount of $100,000 or more is wanted to lay anew the track between Detroit and Ann Arbor, and many other items of repairs are required and would be made if the means for that purpose were at command. Such repairs, though now postponed,

must ultimately be made, and their cost will be, of course, a charge upon the receipts of the road.

It is highly probable, if not entirely certain, that to pay the interest upon our acknowledged public debt, when the same shall be adjusted upon the principles of the act of February 17, 1842, the revenue of the public works will not be sufficient, and that taxation will be indispensable. In my administration of public affairs, I have endeavored so to husband the resources of the state, that when this crisis arrived the burden of taxation would be as light as possible; and I cannot give my sanction to the bills returned, believing as I do, that should they become laws, they would interpose obstacles to the preservation of public faith, and increase the taxation consequent upon a deficiency of revenue upon our public works.

The approval of the bills would prevent the completion of the Central railroad to Kalamazoo, the present year if not altogether. A large outlay has already been made upon this road between Marshall and Kalamazoo: it is now in a state of forwardness, and its immediate completion is of paramount importance. I doubt not, however, should the bills returned become laws, that land scrip would become so depreciated that contractors would in most instances abandon their contracts from inability to continue their work. I am also of opinion that the proposed appropriations would so far injure our credit abroad as to destroy all prospect and hope of obtaining the iron necessary to complete the road between the places mentioned.

The public can hardly appreciate the difficulties with which the board has had to contend for the last three years in constructing the public works, and particularly in obtaining iron and spike. To individual efforts and assurances, over and above the discharge of official duty, the state is much indebted for the procurement of iron laid upon the Central road west of Jackson, and upon the Southern, west of Adrian.

It is easy to suppose illimitable ability in the state, without the supply of commensurate means, but all legislation based upon such illusion, is likely to be injurious in its character. The present embarrassment of the state is a sufficient illustration of this; and the approval of the present bills would be but the continuation of a policy which should long ago have been abandoned,

Since this communication was prepared, contractors for furnishing the superstructure upon thirty-two miles of the Central Railroad between Marshall and Kalamazoo, have informed me that should the bills returned become laws, they would be compelled to abandon their contracts on account of the consequent depreciation of land warrants in which they are exclusively paid, and should petition the legislature for the fifteen per cent of their estimates withheld by the board.

JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Cartter moved that the message of the Executive be laid upon the table and two thousand extra copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the House.

Mr. Hays objected to the printing and made certain allusions, whereupon,

The Speaker called Mr. Hays to order, and directed him to take his seat, and stated that it was not in order for a member to allude disrespectfully to another branch of the government.

Mr. Hays took an appeal from the decision of the chair, and upon the question shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Rose,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Hazleton,	Richman,		41

NAYS.

Mr. Hays,	Mr. Jones,	2

The chair also announced a communication from the state relative to the system of taxing the banks of this state, which,

On motion of Mr. Carter,

Was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 14, 1845.

To the Speaker of th House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a a bill for taking the census for the year 1845;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal the charters of certain banks and for other purposes, approved February 16, 1842;

A bill to relocate a portion of the Clinton road;

A joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of A. F. Bolton and David Porter by the board of state auditors;

A bill making an appropriation for the construction of a bridle path between the village of Saut de ste Marie and the Borough of Michilimackidac, and

A bill to incorporate the St. Clair and Romeo turnpike company, which the senate have severally passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also to return a bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance of certain real estate with an amendment, which the senate have adopted, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the house.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to repeal the charters of certain banks and for other purposes, approved February 16, 1842, and a bill to incorporate the St. Clair and Romeo turnpike company were severally referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The bill to provide for taking the census for the year eighteen hundred and forty five was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to relocate a portion of the Clinton road, and a bill making appropriation for the construction of a bridle path between the village of Sault Ste Marie and the Borough of Michillimackinac, were severally referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of A. F. Bolton and David Porter by the Board of state auditors was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. D. Johnson, from the committee on the judiciary, asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to make the following report:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to amend an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace, approved April 9, 1841, reported that the committee have considered said bill and directed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The committee were discharged and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

With the like consent,

Mr. Carter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a Senate bill to amend the several acts in relation to the village of Pontiac, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and had directed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The commttee were discharged, and the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Ecklee moved that the communication of the Executive be referred to a select committee.

The chair decided that the motion was not in order.

Mr. Stone moved that the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the general order; the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Jones moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion was also negatived.

And the House proceeded to reconsider the act making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the mouth of the Galien river, and also in aid of the construction of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo, the said act having been returned to the House by the Executive with his objections thereto.

Mr. Bancroft moved that the said bill be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, which motion was lost.

Mr. Stone moved to lay the bill on the table, which was also lost; and the question having been announced to be upon the passage of

the act notwitstanding the objections of the Governor, the Clerk proceeded to call the yeas and nays, and after a part of the roll of members had been called,

Mr. Groves moved that the bill be made the special order of the day for to-morrew at two o'clock.

And the chair decided that the motion was not in order.

Mr. Groves asked the unanimous consent of the house to waive the yeas and nays.

Mr. Schwarz objected.

The call then proceeded and the act was lost by the following vote

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Stillson,
Bowman,	Jones,	Thompson,
Cook,	Richman,	8

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Rose,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Blair,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Munger,	Stone,
Compton,	Murray,	Taylor,
Davis,	Pease,	Vickery,
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Walker,
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Williams,
Groves,	Pullen,	Wood,
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Roof,	Speaker,
Hill,		37

Mr. Groves moved a reconsideration of the vote, and upon this question the yeas and nays were ordered and the motion was lost by the the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,
Bandroft,	Humphrey,	Richman,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Cook,	Jones,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pease,	Speaker,
Hays,		19

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Steevens,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Stone,
Blair	Murray,	Taylor,

Cartter,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Compton,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Roof,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Rose,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Schwarz,		26

And on motion of Mr. Stteevens,

The House adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, March 15, 1845.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

REPORTS.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute;

A bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti Railroad company;

A bill for the relief of Henrick Willey; and

A bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement;

Mr. Eastman also reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes;

A bill to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw River, in the county of Van Buren;

A bill to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate;

A joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis; and

A joint resolution relative to the claim of school district number three in the township of Kalamazoo, and that said bills have been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Bancroft from the committee on printing, to whom was referred the claim of J. B. Schick, for translating the annual Message of the Governor into the German language, reported the same and re-

commended that the claim be referred to the committee of ways and means with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill for the present year. And the same was referred accordingly.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims reported in favor of allowing the following claims, to wit:

A. S. Bagg, William Beall, G. F. Rood & Co., S. Bristol; and recommended the reference of said claims to the committee of ways and means with like instructions.

Mr. Pratt also reported back the claims of Van Dyke & Harrington, and Van Dyke & Emmons, recommended a like reference, and called for the reading of communications from the Auditor General and Attorney General, respectively, in support of said claims.

The claims and the said communications were thereupon referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions.

Mr. Pratt from the same committee to whom was referred the claim of Ebenezer Wesbrook, reported a bill for the payment of said claim and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were discharged and the said bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone from the committee of ways and means, reported a bill to provide for paying the interest on certain state bonds.

Mr. D. Johnson, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to provide for taking the census for the year 1845, reported the same back without amendment and asked that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged and the said bill read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Harvie, from the committee on education made the following report:

The committee on education, to whom were referred three several petitions from inhabitants of the county of Lenawee, praying for an alteration in the primary school law, so that the assessment, levy and collection of money for the purchase of township libraries may be left optional with the qualified electors of the several townships, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report:

That in the opinion of your committee, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, because

1st. The school law of 1843, has not been in operation a length of time sufficient to test its merits; and, as in the judgment of your committee, the provisions of the law are well adapted to the wants of the State, they are unwilling to recommend any interference with it at the present time.

2nd. While the township libraries are intended for the use of all the inhabitants of the township, still, there can be no doubt but that the youth, and those who have not reached the age of qualified electors, will, for the most part, avail themselves of, and derive the principal benefit from these libraries; and, as the petitioners contemplate, the exclusion of that portion of the inhabitants from any voice in the establishment of these libraries, the required alteration seems unjust and impolitic.

3rd. Your committee are aware of the general truth of the proposition, that mental indolence and a reluctance to the acquisition of knowledge are inherent vices of the human mind; they are, therefore, of opinion, that all proper means, consistent with the spirit of our institutions, should be devised and adopted to stimulate the public mind to rational exertion, and to furnish means for the action of that stimulated mental exertion. This opinion is the more strengthened by the reflection, that as public opinion is the only basis of our government, in proportion as public opinion is informed and enlightened, so will our government become the more stable and respectable. Your committee regard the libraries calculated to secure these objects.

4th. The amount required for these libraries, is utterly insignificant, compared with the vast general benefit which may, and doubtless will, flow from their establishment.

For these reasons, and others that might be urged, your committee are constrained to report adversely to the prayer of the several petitions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the committee discharged accordingly.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom

was referred the several bills to relocate a portion of the Clinton road and a bill making appropriations for the construction of a bridle path between the village Sault Ste Marie and the borough of Michillimackinac, reported the bill back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

The report of the committee was accepted, the committee discharged and the said bills referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Cartter, from the committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred the following bills, to wit:

A bill to amend an act to repeal the charters of certain banks and for other purposes, approved February 10, 1842, and

A bill to incorporate the St. Clair and Romeo Turnpike Company, reported the same back respectively without amendment, and the said bills were thereupon referred to the committee of the whole, and the committee discharged from the consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill to provide for taking the census for the year 1845, was ordered to be placed first in order on the general order; and,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state, was ordered to be placed second in order on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, was recommitted to the committee of ways and means.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to establish a board of state auditors and to investigate and settle certain claims growing out of the sale of primary school, university, state building, salt spring, and internal improvement lands, and the bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti Railroad Company, were severally read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The consideration of the bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations with instructions to strike out the provisions in the bill which authorize the establishment of professorships of law and medicine, and thereupon,

Mr. Cartter asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report the said bill back to the House amended in conformity with the said instructions, and the bill was read a third time and lost by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Richman,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Roof,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Power,	Vickery,	
Davis,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Speaker,	
Hazelton,			28

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Eastman,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Mason,	Williams,	
Groves,	Murray,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Pease,	W yman,	20
Hays,	Rose,		

The bill for the relief of Henrick Willey was read a third time and lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,	
Arnold,	Mason,	Rose,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Power,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wyman,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Stillson,	
Blair,	Jones,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Munger,	Walker,	

Davis,	Murray,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Roof,	Speaker,	
Humphrey,			25

Mr. Bancroft moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion did not prevail.

The bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad Company was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr Groves,	Mr. Pullen,	
Andrews,	Harvie,	Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Hazelton,	Roof,	
Blair,	Hill,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Humphrey,	Stone,	
Compton,	Jones,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Magoon,	Walker,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Wyman,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Speaker,	
Galloway,	Power,		32

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Pease,	Mr. Stillson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pratt,	Taylor,	
D. Johnson,	Richman,	Vickery,	
Mason,	Steevens,	Williams,	
Murray,			13

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the rule be suspended, and the bill to provide for taking the census for the year 1845, be placed upon the order of unfinished business, which motion was lost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The chair announced as the unfinished business before the House the several bills returned by the Governor without his signature, relating to the appropriations for various works of internal improvement.

Mr. Stone moved that the consideration of said bills be postponed to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion did not prevail, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill to provide for the construction of the Central railroad from the village of Kalamazoo to the village of St. Joseph, and the question being upon the passage of said bill notwithstanding the objections of the Governor the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Compton,	Jones,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Thompson,
Groves,	Pease,	Walker,
Hays,	Power,	Williams,
Hill,		19

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazleton,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Blair,	Mason,	Stone,
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,
Cook,	Murray,	Vickery,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Wood,
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Galloway,	Ransom,	Speaker,
Harvie,	Roof,	29

The House then proceeded to reconsider the bill to provide for the extension of the Southern railroad from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater or Branch, and it was lost by the following vote :

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Power,
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Pullen,
Bowman,	Jones,	Richman,
Ecklee,	Mason,	Roof,
Groves,	Menzie,	Stillson,
Hays,	Pease,	Thompson, 18

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Hill,	Seevens,
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Stone,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Taylor,
Compton,	Munger,	Vickery,
Cook,	Murray,	Walker,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wood,
Galloway,	Ransom,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Rose,	Speaker, 30

The House reconsidered the bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike, and said bill was lost by the following vote :

YEAS:

Mr. Hays,	Mr. Power,	Mr. Roof,
Jones,	Richman,	Thompson,
Pease,		7

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Ransom,
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Rose,
Arnold,	Hill,	Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Steevens,
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Stillson,
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stone,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Taylor,
Compton,	Mason,	Vickery,
Cook,	Menzie,	Walker,
Davis,	Munger,	Williams,
Eastman,	Murray,	Wood,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Groves,	Pullen,	41

The House reconsidered the bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern railroad, and the question was thereupon taken and the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Hays,	Mr. Power,	Taylor,
D. Johnson,	Roof,	Thompson,
Jones,	Stillson,	8

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Ransom,
Arnold,	Hill,	Richman,
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Rose,
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Mason,	Stone,
Compton,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Cook,	Munger,	Walker,
Davis,	Murray,	Williams,
Eastman,	Pease,	Wood,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Groves,		40

The House reconsidered the bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids on Grand River in the county of Kent, and the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Power,	
Groves,	Jones,	Roof,	
Hays,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Humphrey,	Pease,	Thompson,	12

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Richman,	
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Hill,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Ransom,	Speaker,	36

The House also reconsidered the bill to improve the navigation of Shiawassee River, and the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Richman,	
Groves,	Menzie,	Roof,	
Hays,	Pease,	Taylor,	
D. Johnson,	Power,	Thompson,	
Jones,			13

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Hazelton,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Hill,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft	Humphrey,	Steevens,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Compton,	Mason,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Munger,	Walker,	
Davis,	Murray,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Pullen,	Speaker,	36

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Thread river at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern railroad, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The consideration of the bill to provide for the survey of Grand River, was indefinitely postponed.

House bill No. 99 to provide for taking the census was,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

Laid on the table.

The House concurred in the amendments of the committee of the whole to the bill from the Senate to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 1, 1843.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The bill was amended by adding the following to stand as sections 4 and 5 :

Section 4. The board of school inspectors shall have power to appoint annually a librarian, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the township library, and shall perform all the duties of librarian, that were required to be performed by the township clerk, under the provisions of an act to which this act is amendatory, and shall be subject to the same fines and penalties for the non-performance of said duties; said librarian shall receive such annual compensation as the township board shall audit and allow.

Section 5. So much of the ninth division of the forty-second section of the act above referred to as conflicts with the preceding section, is hereby repealed.

And the bill was thereupon ordered to a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Harvie in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration, a bill from the Senate to provide for taking the census for the year 1845, and had instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment ; and the bill was thereupon ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

The House took a recess until half past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Two o'clock.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 15, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, the following bills, which they have passed without amendment, viz:

A bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, &c.;

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Saranac in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road;

A bill to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne;

A bill to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road in the county of Macomb;

A bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road;

A bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan Avenue and Woodward Avenue in the city of Detroit; and

A bill relative to the improvement of the harbors of the Northwestern lakes;

Also, to return the bill to organize certain townships, to change the name of certain townships and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill to organize certain townships to change the name of certain townships and for other purposes, were severally concurred in by the House.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 14, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a joint resolution authorizing prisoners under criminal process within the county of Wayne, to be imprisoned in the jails of any of the adjoining counties;

Also, to re-transmit a bill for an appropriation to improve the Kalamazoo river, which, after having been returned by the Governor to the Senate without his signature, for the reason set forth in the annexed communication was reconsidered, and its passage agreed to by two thirds of the members thereof, and respectfully ask its passage by the House by a like reconsideration and vote.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 14, 1845,

To the Senate:

I herewith respectfully return without my signature, to the Senate, in which the same originated, "a bill for an appropriation to improve the Kalamazoo River." My objections to the passage of the same consist, among other things, in the present and prospective depreciation of land scrip, the indebtedness of the state, the necessity of finishing the Central Railroad to Kalamazoo, to the exclusion of other works, and the excessive quantity of lands proposed to be appropriated by the legislature. They are particularly enumerated in a communication this day transmitted to the House of Representatives, containing the reasons for withholding my approval from certain bills proposing to make other like appropriations; of which I herewith transmit a copy, and respectfully ask that the same may be considered as containing my objections to the bill returned.

JOHN S. BARRY.

On motion of Mr. Rose,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Arnold until Tuesday.

Mr. Stone asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report back the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, with sundry amendments, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The said bill was ordered to stand as second in order on the general order.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into the committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Harvie in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration a bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state, which he was directed to report to the House without amendment, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported the following bills:

A bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central railroads;

A bill to provide for laying out a road from Victor to Duplane;

And the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year 1845;

In which the committee had made sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred in the amendments to the bill to incorporate the Michigan railroad company, and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed for a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Roof,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Taylor	
Cook,	Magoon,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Harvie,	Ransom,		23

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Bancroft,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Groves,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pitcher,	Williams,	

Hill, Pullen, Wood,
Humphrey, 22

The House also concurred in the amendments to the bill to provide for laying out and establishing a road from Victor to Duplane, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be read a third time.

The committee also reported with sundry amendments a bill relative to the fisheries in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, in which he was instructed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House refused to concur in said amendments, and the question being upon ordering the bill to a third reading,

Mr. Schwarz moved an amendment by which the length of the seine should be extended from forty-five to sixty-five fathoms, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Bancroft offered the following amendment, which was lost:

No sein or net shall be drawn during the fall fishing season on Saturday of each week.

And thereupon the House refused to order the bill to be read a 3rd time.

The question having been announced to be upon concurring with the committee of the whole in their amendments to the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year 1845,

The House non-concurred in the amendment to the first section by which the name of "F. H. Steevens" &c. was stricken out of the ninth and tenth lines of the section, and concurred in the other amendments made in committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The bill was recommitted to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to make a just and equitable settlement with Joseph W. Tillman for chairs furnished the House of Representatives on just and fair terms.

The House took up for consideration the bill for an appropriation to improve the Kalamazoo river, re-transmitted from the Senate, having been reconsidered and passed in the Senate by a majority of two-thirds, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor thereto.

And the question being upon concurring with the Senate in the passage of the bill, it was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Groves,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr Power,	
Hays,	Menzie,	Roof,	
D. Johnson,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Jones,	Pease,		11

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Harvie,	Rose,	
Bancroft,	Hazelton,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Hill,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Humphrey,	Stone,	
Cartter,	A. S. Johnson,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Walker,	
Cook,	Mason,	Williams,	
Davis,	Murray,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Speaker,	33

Mr. Cook moved a reconsideration of the bill, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The motion to lay upon the table was first considered and was lost.

And the question having recurred upon the reconsideration of the vote it was also lost.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton,

The vote by which the bill to provide for taking the census for the year 1845 was ordered to a third reading, was reconsidered.

Mr. Hazelton moved to recommit the bill to a select committee, with instructions to strike out those portions of the bill which provide for the appointment of Marshals to take the census, and insert a provision charging that duty upon the township treasurers; and the yeas and nays having been ordered it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Shaw	
Bowman,	Munger,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,	Williams,	
Hill,	Schwarz,	Wyman,	15

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Power,	
Andrews,	Humphrey,	Pratt,	
Bancroft,	A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	

Compton,	Magoon,	Rose,
Cook,	Mason,	Stillson,
Davis,	MacLeod,	Taylor,
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Murray,	Wood,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Speaker,
Harvie,		31

Mr. Cook moved to reconsider the vote, which motion did not prevail. And the rule having been suspended, the bill was passed.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The consideration of the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr, was postponed until Thursday next, and

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House adjourned.

Monday, March 17, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of Saturday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

REPORTS.

Mr. Harvie, from the committee on education, made the following report:

The committee on education have had under consideration a petition of the trustees of the Kalamazoo literary institute, praying that their charter may be so amended as to give them the power of conferring the honors and degrees, usually conferred by collegiate institutions, on such students as may have completed the ordinary course of studies in that institution, and have instructed me to report, that, in the opinion of your committee, the usefulness and reputation of a seminary of learning depend on the excellence of the system of instruction adopted and pursued therein, and not on any power possessed by the managers thereof, of conferring empty degrees and diplomas. If a young man has undergone a mental discipline which has aroused his intellect, fortified his virtue, stored his memory with useful knowledge, and induced habits of application and thought, he will

enter the world with a certainty of attaining in due time, to a respectable position among his fellow men, and this without the aid of a parchment certificate, and an idle "A. B." or "A. M." attached to his name. The institution where such a discipline prevails will not depend for patronage and success on its power of conferring literary degrees and honors, but on the recognized excellence of its system. When the trustees of an institution of learning ask for, and urge the necessity of receiving the power of conferring degrees "to enable them to adapt the institution to the present time and circumstances, to carry out its original design, and to promote the interests of education generally," a suspicion is engendered that the trustees are laboring under a slight misapprehension of the true objects and aims of, and the internal economy adapted to such an institution. Your committee are of opinion that this power should be exercised by those institutions alone which, by the possession and control of ample means, the employment of distinguished and well known professors, and the enjoyment of a wide spread, and deserved reputation, will afford a guarantee against the abuse of the power. Experience teaches us that colleges in some of the states have been so reckless and indiscreet in conferring honors on unworthy subjects, that it is not uncommon to encounter an A. B. or an A. M. incapable of construing and translating his own diploma. Though your committee apprehend no such foolish consequences from granting the prayer of this petition, yet, they think that great caution should be used, lest the standard of education be lowered. Former legislatures have been laudibly careful in bestowing this power on chartered schools, and the only two instances in which it had been extended, are so guarded and restricted, that the clause is little better than a dead letter in the acts of incorporation. But your committee doubt the policy of conferring these degrees at all. They are inconsistent with the spirit of our institutions, and a vestige of the aristocratical distinctions of monarchical Europe. The hope of attaining them is a motive addressed not to the reason or generous emulation of youth, but merely to their vanity, intellect, morality and knowledge, confer a patent in their possessor universally recognized and respected in a patent which schools can neither give nor take away. And it is a remarkable fact in our nation's annals, that while a majority of those great and good men,

whose names are identified with the national glory, were ardent and untiring devotees at the shrine of knowledge, still they never attained the distinction of an academical degree.

After mature deliberation your committee deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition, and ask to be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Harvie, from the same committee made the following report:

The committee on education have had under consideration a petition of certain inhabitants of the town of Onondaga, in the county of Ingham, praying for the passage of an act requiring the supervisors of said town to assess for this year, a tax of twenty-five dollars, for the purchase of a township library, according to the provisions of the school law of 1843, which tax the supervisor for the time being, neglected to assess in 1843, in obedience to the directions of said law; and also, a further sum of fifty dollars which, by a vote of said town was directed to be assessed for the same purpose in said year, and in like manner, neglected by the supervisor for the time being; and have instructed me to report, that in the opinion of your committee, no legislation is required on the subject. Because the above sum of twenty-five dollars, directed by law, to be raised for the specified purpose, if it was not raised at the time is still a charge against the township, and can be raised at any time. As to the fifty dollars the inhabitants may again, under the provisions of law, meet and resolve to raise that sum, if they deem it expedient, which course would be in accordance with law and precedent. Your committee therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petition and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The said reports were accepted and the committee discharged from the consideration of said subjects respectively.

Mr. Cartter from the committee on banks and incorporations made the following report:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred a petition of sundry citizens of the village of Kalamazoo, praying the repeal of their village charter, also a remonstrance of sundry citizens of the same place against such repeal, have had the same under consideration, and your committee, after an investigation into the reasons assigned in said petition for said repeal, have unanimous-

ly come to the conclusion that they are insufficient to justify the legislature in interfering as prayed for by the petitioners, and further, the said remonstrance is signed by a large and respectable portion of the citizens of said village, whose interests are intimately connected with its prosperity, and who remonstrate in strong terms against the repeal. Your committee have therefore instructed me to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution from the Senate authorizing prisoners under criminal process within the county of Wayne to be imprisoned in the jails of any of the adjoining counties, reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommended its passage, and said bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. MacLeod from the same committee made the following further report:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the petition of Cyrus Dana and others, praying the passage of a law to authorize Alvin J. Dunbar to convey certain real estate, the proper of his minor children.

Sec. 2, of an act entitled an act to authorize the conveyance of real estate of minors in certain cases, approved February 28, 1840, contains all the authority necessary, on application to the court of chancery. The lands in question were conveyed and re-conveyed in trusts and fee, and several embarrassing questions arose, on which your committee could obtain no information. The subject has been kept open the entire session, and the petitioners written to in relation to the matter, but as yet no answers have been received.

Your committee ask therefore to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

Mr. MacLeod from the same committee also reported as follows:

The committee on the judiciary have had under consideration the memorial of Thomas C. Shelden, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the Michigan State Bank.

Your committee report that the State own no such judgment; and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The several reports of the committee were adopted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of said subjects respectively.

Mr. MacLeod from the same committee submitted the following:

The committee on the judiciary beg leave to submit the following statement for the consideration and consent of the House:

In December, 1844, a bill was brought in equity by Charles H. Carroll, a citizen of the State of New York, against Orrin Safford, treasurer of the county of Genessee, in the State of Michigan, praying that the assessment and sale of certain lands, the property of the complainant, which had been sold for taxes, might be declared illegal and void, and that the treasurer of the county might be enjoined from conveying said lands, and for other relief. These lands amounted in quantity to 3,549 71-100 acres, and were of the estimated value of $7,500. Until 1836 they were a part of the unappropriated public domain, and subject to entry and sale. In that year, Mr. Carroll applied to the register of the land office at Flint, for the purchase of them, paid the price to the receiver of public moneys, and took a receipt for the same, (commonly called a duplicate) specifying the payment of the money. After the transmission of the ordinary certificate and prior to the issue of the patent, the lands were assessed, and in default of the payment of the tax, were sold by the treasurer of Genessee county.

The question presented was whether lands so situated—that is, before the issue of patents, could be subjected to taxation?

The opinion of the judges, (Messrs. McLean and Wilkins,) were opposed on each of the several questions which arose on the trial;—whereupon, on motion of the complainant, by his counsel, the points on which the disagreement happened were stated under the direction of the judges, and certified under the seal of the court to the Supreme court, to be finally adjudicated.

The case in the supreme court presented the question of state right and involved an issue of great pecuniary magnitude. If decided in favor of Mr. Carroll, a large amount of money must have been refunded by our state to those whose lands were taxed in the manner above recited. Although the interest was one of moment, no counsel appeared in behalf of Michigan. At this juncture Mr. Norvell ap-

peared in Washington, and at the suggestion of Judge McLean, and at the request of our delegation in Congress, he entered as counsel for the state and gained the cause. The ordinary fee for such services in the Supreme court, as is stated by the clerk, is $500. In consideration of the pecuniary embarrassment of the state, Mr. Norvell expressed his willingness to take $200.

The committee have the certificate of his honor Judge McLean, that the services were rendered, that an elaborate argument was submitted in writing, and that the several questions were examined with great ability, and evidenced a laborious investigation. The certificate of our entire delegation is also with your committee, stating the necessity of an appearance and argument in behalf of the state, and that at their instance Mr. Norvell was retained.

Your committee would therefore submit the propriety of an allowance of $200 to Mr. Norvell for his professional services, and respectfully recommend that the same may be appropriated.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims, reported back the following claims, and recommended the allowance of each respectively:

A. S. Bagg, E. J. Roberts, and Edward D. Ellis.

And also that said claims be referred to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill. And the said claims were accordingly so referred.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne.

Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors of the north-western lakes;

Bill to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

Bill to provide for laying out a state road in the county of Macomb;

Bill making an appropriation for the construction of the Pontiac and Grand River road;

Bill to provide for planking parts of Michigan avenue and Woodward avenue in the city of Detroit;

And that said bills had been severally presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of A. F. Bolton and David Porter, by the board of State Auditors;

Also a joint resolution relative to the claim of D. Ferguson, Jr., reported the same back to the House and recommend the adoption of said joint resolutions respectively, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said resolutions referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the bill to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sales of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1845, which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill referred to in the foregoing message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 17, 1845

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives,

A bill to authorize school district No. 1, in the township of Battle Creek, to borrow money and levy certain taxes;

A bill for the relief of Lucius Warner;

Joint resolution for the relief of George N. Turner; and

A bill declaratory of an act entitled an act for the transfer of certain causes from the supreme court to the court of chancery, and for other purposes, and respectfully inform them that the Senate have refused to pass the same. Also, to return

A bill to amend chapter four, title one, part three, of the revised statutes, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of Senate.

The House concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill to amend chapter four, title one, part three of the revised statutes.

And the bill was thereupon ordered to be enrolled.

SENATE CHAMBER, *March* 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that among the amendments to the bill to organize certain townships and for other purposes, returned to the House on Saturday was an amendment striking out section 25 of said bill, which amendment was omitted in the list of amendments transmitted to the House with said bill, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked,

Your ob't serv't,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, *March* 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Im am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives,

A preamble and joint resolution relative to the project of certain citizens of the state of New York to levy unequal tolls on the trade and commerce of the western states passing through the Oswego canal.

A bill to authorize Orange J. Niles and George Niles to build a house store on the margin of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal,

A bill to repeal an act to repeal section forty three and forty six of chapter one, title seven, part one of the revised statutes, and

A bill to change the name of William Hamilton Coffin, all of which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return a bill to revive and extend an act entitled an act to

extend Fort street, in the city of Detroit, until it intersects the road leading from Detroit rive to Dearbornville,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to divide the upper peninsula into six ccunties, and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9, 1843, both of which the Senate have passed without amendment,

Also, to return to the House, a bill for the relief of Isaih J. Hudson, and inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

The preamble and joint resolutions were committed to the committee on federal relations.

The bill to authorize Orange J. Niles and George Niles to build a ware house &c.

A bill to repeal an act to repeal sections forty-three and forty-six, of chap. 1, title 7, of part first of the revised statutes;

The bill to change the name of W. H. Coffin, and the bill to repeal an act &c. were severally referred to the committee on the judiciary.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wood asked for and obtained leave to introdnce the following resolution:

Whereas, in the opinion of this legislature, under the present embarrassments of the State, that the time is not far distant when we shall have to dispose of the public works, or resort to direct tax to pay the interest on our public debt that will be annually falling due;

Whereas, in our opinion, before any further consideration of the subject, we deem it prudent and proper to submit it to the best judgment of the people; therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the town board of each town shall prepare a separate box, and the legal voters of this state are required at our next election to express their minds by depositing in said box a printed ticket—"tax" or "sale."

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule requiring the reference of the resolution to a standing committee was suspended, and the same,

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

Was placed first in order upon the general orders.

Mr. Cartter offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on engrossment and enrolment be directed to appoint so many assistants to the enrolling and engrossing clerk as may be necessary to perform the duties of enrolling and engrossing during the remainder of the session.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sale of the public lands and for other purposes was laid upon the table; which motion prevailed.

And the question recurring upon the concurrence in the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, the House concurred in the first amendment.

The question recurring on the concurrence of the House in the second amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered and the same was non-concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Stone,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Walker,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Williams,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Schwarz,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Richman,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Roof,	
Davis,	Munger,	Rose,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Galloway,	Pease,	Steevens,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Stillson,	
Hays,	Power,	Taylor,	
Hazleton,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Vickery,	27

Mr. Pratt asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the following:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the 10th joint rule of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan be and is hereby suspended until the last day of the present Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The several rules requiring the reference of said resolution to a standing committee, and also to a committee of the whole, were suspended, and the resolution was thereupon adopted.

Mr. Jones asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill appropriating certain non-resident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River turnpike between the village of Howell in Livingston county and the house of Justus Gilkey in Ingham county, and the rule having been suspended the bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to provide for the construction and establishment of a state road from Victor to the new mill in Duplane was read a third time and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration a bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Thread river at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern railroad, and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed,

Mr. Hazelton moved to amend the bill by adding the following to stand as sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the bill :

Sec. 4. The special commissioner shall receive as compensation for his services one dollar and fifty cents for each day actually employed in superintending the construction of said bridge, verified by affidavit, and his account so verified shall be paid by the treasurer of the county out of said road fund.

Sec. 5. That so much of the said act, authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern railroad, as provides for the appropriation of non-resident highway taxes on said road, so far as the same applies to the county of Genesee, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. Any non-resident highway moneys which have been or may hereafter be received by the treasurer of said county of Genesee, by virtue of the act authorizing the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern railroad, approved March 9th, 1843, to the credit of said fund, (excepting so much as may be expended for the construction of said bridge,) shall be expended as required by the said act, by the commissioner appointed by virtue thereof.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The amendment was rejected, and,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The House had under consideration a bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843, and the question being upon concurring with the committee of the whole in their amendments to the bill, the same were concurred in and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors for Wayne county and for other purposes, approved March 21, 1844, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The consideration of the Senate bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing under seal, was indefinitely postponed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place, that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Ypsilanti Seminary, which the committee had directed him to report without amendment.

And said bill was thereupon ordered to be read a third time.

The chairman also reported without amendment,

A bill for the relief of Marcellus township;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern, in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston.

And said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman of the committee of the whole also reported the following bills, to wit:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood Swamp Turnpike Company;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of

Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road, and

A bill for the relief of Mark Cannon, all which said bills were reported with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, and the House having concurred in said amendments respectively, the said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported without amendment a bill to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting or carrying away timber, logs, &c. on or from the lands of another and for other purposes, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported without amendment, a bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia Association.

Mr. Cartter moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of said bill which was lost, and

On motion of Mr. Ecklee,

The bill was thereupon recommitted to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Galloway.

The rule was suspended and the bill to provide for the laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern, in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

Mr. MacLeod, made the following further report from the committee of the whole of the forenoon :

That the committee of the whole House had had under consideration a preamble and joint resolution relative to a sale of the works of internal improvement belonging to the state, and had made an amendment thereto, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The preamble and resolution were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The bill appropriating certain non-resident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand river turnpike, between the village of Howell, in Livingston county, to the house of Justus Gilkey, in Ingham county, was taken from the general order, and placed on the order of unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The House reconsidered the vote indefinitely postponing the consideration of the bill from the Senate, to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting or carrying away any timber, logs, &c., on or from the lands of another, and for other purposes.

And the question recurring upon the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the bill, it was negatived.

On motion of Mr. Eastman,

The third section of the bill was stricken out.

Mr. Pratt renewed the motion to postpone indefinitely, and on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Shaw,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Pullen,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Ransom,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Rose,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,			19

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Murray,	
Andrews,	Hill,	Pease,	
Bancroft,	Humphrey,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Jones,	Walker,	
Compton,	Mason,	Williams,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Wyman,	24

Mr. Cook moved that all those provisions of the bill which provide for the infliction of pains and penalties be stricken out, and the yeas and nays having been ordered the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Richman,
Compton,	Magoon,	Rose,
Cook,	Mason,	Shaw,
Davis,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Ecklee,	Munger,	Stone,
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Thompson,
Groves,	Power,	Vickery,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,
Hazelton,		31

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,
Andrews,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Blair,	Murray,	Walker,
Carter,	Pease,	Williams,
Hill,	Roof,	Wyman,
D. Johnson,		16

And thereupon, on motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harvie, from the committee on the judiciary, asked for and obtained leave to introduce the following bills, to wit:

A bill to repeal a part of an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment,

And a bill in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners.

And the rule having been suspended, the said bills were placed on the order of unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The vote upon the concurrence of the House in the Senate amendments to the bill to organize certain townships, to change the names of certain townships and for other purposes, was reconsidered, and the question having again occurred upon concurring in said amendments, they were concurred in, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill making appropriations for the payment of the current expenses for the year 1845, was ordered to be reprinted with the amendments.

Mr. Andrews asked for and obtained leave to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the board of internal improvement be and they are hereby instructed and authorized to have the route of the Central railroad from Kalamazoo to St. Joseph surveyed and located, and a careful detailed estimate made of the cost of grubbing, grading and building the same, and report to the next legislature.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated a quantity of the internal improvement lands absolutely necessary to defray the expense of said survey and estimate.

And on motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was suspended and the resolution referred to the committee of the whole, to stand third in order upon the general order.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Hays in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to relocate a certain state road,

And a bill to amend section 6 of a certain act, and had directed their chairman to report the same to the House without amendment, and said bills were severally ordered to a third reading.

Also a joint resolution relative to the routes of the Central and Southern railroads, which he was directed to report with sundry amendments and ask the concurrence of the House therein.

Whereupon the House refused to concur in said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was suspended and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Steevens moved that the House adjourn. Lost.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrolment, asked for and obtained leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph in the county of Berrien,

And a bill to revive and extend an act entitled an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbornville; and that said bills had been presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Eastman from the same committee, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes;

A bill for the relief of the township of Marsellus;

A bill for the relief of Mark Cannon, and

A bill to incorporate the Michigan railroad company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central railroads.

And said bills were severally ordered to be placed on the order of bills for a third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Wyman in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration a joint resolution instructing the secretary of state to procure certain information relative to lunatic asylums, and had directed him to report the same to the House without amendment.

And the question having been announced to be upon ordering the bill to a third reading, the House refused.

The chairman also reported with sundry amendments, the bill to provide for the preservation of passenger and freight cars, and for other purposes; and,

A bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company, and asked the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

The House concurred, and the bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The question recurring upon ordering the bill for the preservation of freight and passenger cars and for other purposes, to be engrossed,

On motion of Mr. Stone,

All after the enacting clause of the bill was stricken out.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the vote be reconsidered, which motion did not prevail; and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed; and,

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, March 18, 1845.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of A. S. Bagg, and Bagg & Harmon.

By Mr. Harvie—Claim of A. S. Williams, for newspapers.

By Mr. Pratt—Claim of Daniel Whitfield, for services as fireman.

And said claims severally referred to the committee on claims.

REPORTS.

Mr. MacLeod from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills:

A bill to change the name of Wilson Hamilton Coffin;

A bill to authorize Orange J. Niles and George Niles to build a store house on the margin of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal;

A bill to repeal an act to repeal sections 43 and 46 of chapter 1, title 7, part 1st, of the revised statutes, reported the same respectively back to the House without amendment, recommended their passage, and asked to be discharge from the further consideration of said bills.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and said bills were severally referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Stone from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred a communication of the State Treasurer, in relation to specific and other taxes on banks and bank stock, reported a bill in relation to taxing banks, which was thereupon read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt from the committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of Porter Kibbee, reported a joint resolution to provide for an equitable settlement of the claim of Porter Kibbee, which was read the 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee of the whole.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENTAE CHAMBER,
March 17, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives,

A bill to amend the law in relation to the inspection of leather.

A bill making an appropriation to aid in constructing the state road from Lexington to Point aux Barques.

A bill to amend the second clause of section three, chapter one, title five, part three of the revised statutes, relative to costs.

Which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return to the House a bill relative to the militia.

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater.

A bill to authorize the sale of lands on the Macon Reserve, and

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Saginaw road between the village of Flint, in Genesee county, and Saginaw city, in the county of Saginaw, and for building a bridge across Cass river, all of which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Also to return the joint resolution for the relief of persons whose private property has been or may be taken for public uses, and inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend the law in relation to the inspection of leather, was read the 1st and 2d time and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

The bill making an appropriation to aid in constructing the state road from Lexington to Point aux Barques, was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

The bill to amend the second clause of section 3, chapter 1, title 5

part 3d of the revised statutes relative to costs, was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Roof offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, that the officers and members of the present legislature be and they are hereby entitled each to one copy of the session laws of 1845, and the journals and documents of said year; and that the secretary of state is hereby required to forward the same to the county clerks of the several counties of this state for each officer and member so soon as the same shall be printed and ready.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule requiring the reference of the joint resolution to a standing committee was suspended; and,

On motion of Mr. Carter,

The rule requiring the reference of the resolution to the committee of the whole, was suspended, and the joint resolution was thereupon considered and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The joint resolution relative to the sale of the works of internal improvement belonging to the State was laid upon the table.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 18, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House, that the Senate have concurred in the House amendments to the bill for laying out and establishing a state road from Victor to the new mill in Duplane, and also to the bill to amend an act to establish a board of auditors for Wayne county, &c.

Also to inform the House that the Senate have insisted on their amendment to the bill to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sales of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1845.

Also to return the bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad company, and,

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Union city to Bowman's mills, both of which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Also to return a bill for the preservation of the state library, which the Senate have passed with sundry amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House insisted in their refusal to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sales of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844, and thereupon Messrs. Pratt, Blair, and Groves were appointed a committee of conferrence upon the disagreement of the two houses, in regard to said bill.

The bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad company, and the bill to provide for laying out a state road from Union city to Bowman's mills, were severally ordered to be enrolled.

The House non-concurred in the amendments to the bill for the preservation of the State library.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843;

A bill to re-locate a certain state road;

A bill to amend section 6, of a certain act;

A bill for the relief of Mark Cannon;

A bill for the relief of the township of Marcellus;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

A bill to provide for the sale of salt spring lands belonging to the state, were severally read a third time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Ypsilanti Seminary was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,
Andrews,	Jones,	Rose,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Mac Leod,	Stone,

Compton,	Menzie,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,	33

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Steevens,	
Blair,	Murray,	Stilson,	
Cook,	Power,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Roof,	Williams,	
Hays,			13

The bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad Company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Railroads being under consideration,

Mr. Pratt moved that the said bill be made the special order for this evening, which prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Rose,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Blair,	Mason,	Seevens,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,			26

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Stilson,	
Bowman,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Cook,	Pease,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Groves,	Richman,	Speaker,	15

Mr. MacLeod moved the hour of half past two.

Mr. Pratt moved the hour of seven, and

Mr. Stone moved the hour of ten.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was made the special order for this evening, which motion did not prevail;

And the chair proceeded to put the question upon the motion of Mr. Mac Leod, fixing the hour at half past two o'clock.

Mr. Pratt raised the following question of order:

"Is it competent under the rules of the House to put the question upon any other than the latest hour?"

The chair decided that the rule did not apply in the present instance.

Mr. Pratt appealed from the decision of the chair, and the question shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House, was carried in the affirmative, and the decision sustained.

The question was then put on the hour of half past two, and lost.

The question upon the motion of Mr. Stone, fixing the hour at ten o'clock for the consideration of the special order, having been announced, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Stillson,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Cook,	MacLeod,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Hays,	Shaw,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Rose,	
Andrews,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Arnold,	Menzie,	Steevens,	
Bancroft,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Carter,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Compton,	Pease,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Richman,	Speaker,	
Jones,	Roof,		29

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr. Pratt, to fix the hour at 7, it was carried in the affirmative, and the bill made the special order for 7 o'clock.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company, was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,
Andrews,	Jones,	Rose,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Mason,	Shaw,
Blair,	MacLeod,	Steevens,
Bowman,	Menzie,	Stone,

Cartter,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Compton,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Davis,	Pease,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Power,	Wood,	
Hill,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Speaker,	39

NAYS.

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The bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company was passed by the following vote :

YEAS :

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stone,	
Cartter,	Mac Leod,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pease,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Speaker,	
Galloway,			34

NAYS.

Mr. Hays,	Mr. Menzie,	Mr. Vickery,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Williams,	6

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rule was suspended, and the bill to amend an act for the regulation of internal improvement was taken from the general order and the bill was placed in the order of unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. Power,

The same rule was suspended, and the bill to amend part 1st, title 4, chapter 1, of the revised statutes, was disposed of in the same manner.

Mr. Cartter made a similar motion in regard to the joint resolution to provide for an equitable settlement of the claim of Porter Kibbee; and

Mr. Bancroft made a like motion in regard to the relief of Ebenezer Wesbrook, which motions respectively were lost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration,

A bill to repeal a part of an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment; and

A bill in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners; and

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The rule was suspended, and the said bills read a third time and passed.

The House had also under consideration,

A bill appropriating non-resident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River Turnpike between the village of Howell, in Livingston county, and the house of Justus Gilkey, in Ingham county; and

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The rule was suspended, and the said bill read a third time and passed.

The House had also under consideration,

The bill to amend an act for the regulation of internal improvement; and

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

The rule was suspended, and the said bill read a third time and passed.

The House had also under consideration,

A bill to amend part first, title four, chapter one, of the revised statutes; and

On motion of Mr. Power,

The rule was suspended, and said bill was read the third time and passed.

The bill for improving the state road from Marshall to Ionia being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

The bill was amended by adding the following at the end of the first section:

Excepting the highway taxes upon the lands owned by non-residents, appropriated during the present session of the legislature for the improvement of the Clinton road, and for the improvement of the road leading from the village of Lyons in the county of Ionia to the village of Ada in the county of Kent.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The rule requiring the bill to be engrossed was suspended, and the said bill was thereupon read a third time and passed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committtee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. MacLeod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to incocporate the Alphadelphia Association;

A bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor female seminary;

A bill to provide for building a jail in the county of Hillsdale;

A bill for the relief of Benjamin Lapham;

A bill to legalize certain acts performed under an act entitled an act relative to the duties of assessors and highway commissioners, approved March 11, 1844,

And a joint resolution of instruction relative to an Indian treaty;

And had instructed their chairman to report the said bills and resolution respectively without amendment.

The chairman further reported the following:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings and for other purposes, with an amendment and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

The House thereupon concurred in said amendment.

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Pullen moved to amend the amendment by striking out the 4th section, which motion was lost, and the question recurring on the original motion, it was also lost, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also repoted,

A bill to authorize the state officers to act as trustees of the Michigan State Bank and for other purposes.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act relating to the conveyance of real estate, approved April 1, 1840, and

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road and for other purposes;

And that the committee of the whole had made sundry amendments in said bill, in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in said amendments and the said bills were ordered to be engrossed for a 3d reading.

The chairman also reported a bill relative to highways and outside fences, with sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

The House concurred, and thereupon,

Mr. Carter moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the bill, which motion did not prevail, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman further reported a bill for the preservation of deer and other game during certain seasons of the year, with sundry amendments in which he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House non-concurred in the amendments, and thereupon,

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all the word "deer," in the sixth line of section one, which prevailed.

Mr. Compton moved to fill the first blank with the "first day of July," which also prevailed.

And the question recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed the House refused.

The chairman also reported a bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, with an amendment, by which all after the enacting clause of the bill was stricken out, and in which amendment he was directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The House concurred in the amendment, and,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported with an amendment,

A bill to authorize sheriffs to do business in justices' courts, and for other purposes, and asked the concurrence of the House therein.

And the House accordingly concurred, and

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

The consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman further reported,

A bill to provide for the payment of damages which the State owes John Silk, with an amendment, in which the House concurred; and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The first section of the bill was stricken out and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan*, That the Auditor General is hereby authorized and required to draw a scrip in favor of John Silk, for the sum of two hundred dollars, made payable in state lands, at the minimum price, and shall not bear interest. The said scrip shall be delivered to the said Silk whenever he or his agent shall call for the same.

And the bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The consideration of the bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia association, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Stillson,

The consideration of the joint resolution relative to a Railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, was also indefinitely postponed.

The joint resolution of instruction relative to an Indian treaty, and the bill to provide for building a jail in the county of Hillsdale, were severally ordered to a third reading.

The question recurring upon ordering the bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor female seminary to a third reading,

Mr. Hays moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of said bill, which motion did not prevail, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

The bill for the relief of Benjamin Lapham being under consideration,

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, which motion was lost, and the House thereupon refused to order the said bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The consideration of the bill to legalize certain acts performed under an act entitled an act relative to the duties of assessors and highway commissioners, approved March 11, 1844, was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Harvie asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce the claim of Thomas Rowland, P. M. of the city of Detroit, for postage; and said claim was referred to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Two o'clock.

REPORTS.

Mr. Galloway from the committee on roads and bridges to whom was referred a bill making an appropriation to aid in constructing the state road from Lexington to Point aux Barques, asked for and obtained leave to report the same back to the House without amendment, recomending that the bill do not pass and ask that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged and the said bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. A. S. Johnson from the committee on agriculture and manufacture to whom was referred a bill to amend the law in relation to the inspection of leather, upon like leave reported, that the said committee had had said bill under consideration and instructed their chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment, recommending that the bill do not pass and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were discharged and the bill was thereupon referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill to amend an act to divide the Upper Peninsula into six counties and to define the boundaries of the same, approved March 9th, 1843;

A bill to organize certain townships, to change the names of certain townships and for other purposes;

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Coldwater;

A bill relative to the militia;

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Saginaw road between the village of Flint, in Genessee county, and Saginaw city in the county of Saginaw, and for building a bridge across Cass river, on the line of said road;

A bill to amend chapter 4, title 1, of part third, of the revised statutes; and that said bills had been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Eastman from the same committee reported as correctly engrossed:

A bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company;

A bill to provide for the payment of damages which the state owes John Silk;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road, and for other purposes;

A bill relative to highway and outside fences;

A bill to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of internal improvements of the state, approved March 20, 1844;

A bill to authorize the state officers to act as trustees of the Michigan State Bank, and for other purposes; and,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to the conveyance of real estate, approved April 1st, 1840.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the general order, Mr. Schwarz in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration a joint resolution to encourage emigration into this state, which he was directed to report to the House without amendment;

Also, a bill to amend the several acts in relation to the village of Pontiac.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The rule was suspended and the said resolution was adopted; and the said bill read a third time and passed.

The chairman also reported without amendment a bill to vacate portions of certain streets in the village of Bertrand; and

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The rule was suspended, and the said bill was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Roof,
Andrews,	A S. Johnson,	Rose,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,
Bancroft,	Jones,	Shaw,

Blair	Magoon,	Steevens,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Power,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Speaker,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,		44

NAYS.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Vickery,	2

The chairman also reprted without amendment a bill to amend an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841.

Mr. Pullen moved to strike out the last section of the bill, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the bill on the table, which was lost, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The chairman further reported a bill relative to the village of Pontiac, and the rule being suspended, the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Andrews,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Arnold,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Power,	Wood,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Speaker,	
Hill,	Ransom,		41

NAYS.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Vickery,	2

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Ecklee in the chair.

After some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of internal improvements of the State, approved March 20, 1844, and had directed their chairman to report the same to the House without amendment.

And said bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman also reported without amendment,

A bill to provide for paying interest on certain state bonds; and

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Said bill was laid upon the table.

Also, a bill for the payment of the claim of Ebenezer Weabrook which,

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Was laid upon the table.

The chairman further reported without amendment,

A bill making appropriations for the construction of a bridle path between the village of Sault Ste. Marie and the borough of Michilimackinac; and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The rule was suspended, the said bill was read a third time and passed.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. McLeod in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consideration,

A bill making an appropriation in aid of constructing the state road from Lexington to Point aux Barques, which he was directed to report to the house without amendment.

And on motion of Mr. Galloway,

The said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Also with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause, a bill in relation to the inspection of leather, in which amendment the concurrence of the house was asked.

The house concurred in the amendment, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The consideration of the enacting clause was indefinitely postponed.

The chairman also reported without amendment a joint resolution to provide for an equitable settlement of the claim of Porter Kibbee,

A joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of A. F. Bolton and David Porter, by the board of state auditors,

A joint resolution relative to the claim of D. Ferguson, Jr.

A joint resolution authorizing prisoners under criminal process within the county of Wayne, to be imprisoned in adjoining counties;

And the said joint resolutions, the rule having been suspended, were severally read a third time and adopted.

The chairman of the committee of the whole, also reported without amendment,

A bill to amend an act to repeal the charters of certain banks and for other purposes,

A bill in relation to taxing banks,

A bill to change the name of Wilson Hamilton Coffin.

And said bills, the rule having been suspended, were severally read a third time and passed.

The chairman also reported without amendment, a bill to authorize Orange J. Niles and George Niles to build a store house on the margin of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal.

Mr. Cartter moved to strike out all that part of the bill which relates to the supervision or direction of the Governor.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,
Andrews,	A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Rose,
Bancroft	Magoon,	Shaw,
Blair,	Mason,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Menzie,	Stone,
Compton,	Murray,	Walker,
Davis,	Packer,	Williams,
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Wyman,
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,
Harvie,		33

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Mr. Groves,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Stillson,	
Hays,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Jones,	Roof,	Wood,	9

And the rule having been suspended, the bill was thereupon read a third time and passed.

The chairman also reported further without amendment,

A bill to re-locate a portion of the Clinton road; and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed.

Also, a bill to incorporate the St. Clair and Romeo Turnpike company.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rule was suspended, and the said bill was thereupon read the third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Ransom,	
Andrews,	Hill,	Roof,	
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Stone,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Thompson,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Walker,	
Compton,	Mason,	Wood,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Wyman,	
Eastman,	Munger,	Speaker,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,		26

NAYS:

Mr. Groves,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Pullen,	
Hays,	Menzie,	Williams,	6

The bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a state road and for other purposes,

The bill relative to highway and outside fences;

The bill for the relief of John Silk;

The bill to authorize the state officers to act as trustees of the Michigan State Bank, and for other purposes;

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of the state,

And a bill to amend an act entitled an act relating to the conveyance of real estate, approved April 1st, 1840, were severally read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The claim of Ebenezer Wesbrook was taken from the table and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Pratt, Magoon and Pitcher.

Mr. Bancroft moved that a select committee be appointed to make enquiry as to the manner in which the annual message of the Governer has been translated into the French and German languages, and report thereon.

Mr. Stone moved to amend by referring the subject to the committee on printing, which amendment was adopted and the original motion as amended prevailed.

Mr. Wyman asked for and obtained leave to make the following report:

The committee on Federal relations to whom was referred the joint resolution relative to the project of certain citizens of the State of New York to levy unequal tolls upon the trade and commerce of the Western Lakes passing through the Oswego canal, have instructed me to report the same back to the House without amendment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The report was accepted, the committee discharged, and the said joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The House adjourned to half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, March 19, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Pratt—The claim of D. H. Williams. Referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr. Thompson—The petition of certain citizens of the counties of Livingston, Ingham and Clinton, for the appointment of com-

missioners to lay out a state road from Howell, in Livingston county, to Dewitt, in Clinton county.

REPORTS.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend the second clause of section 3, chapter 1, title 5, part 3 of the Revised Statutes, relative to costs, reported the same back without amendment, and recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged and the bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, reported back the following claims, viz :

John F. Ely and Daniel Whitfield and recommended their allowance, and the said claims were thereupon referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to incorporate the same in the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee to whom was referred sundry claims of Bagg & Harmon, and A. S. Williams, for printing, reported the same back, and recommended that the said claims be referred to the committee on printing ; and the said claims were accordingly so referred.

Also the claim of Ebenezer McDowell, for newspapers, and recommend that the same be disallowed.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged from the further consideration of said claims.

Mr. Vickery, from the same committee, to whom was referred the claim of L. R. Slawson, fireman, for extra allowance, reported that a majority of said committee recommend the allowance of said claim, and the same was referred to the committee of ways and means with instructions.

Mr. Pratt, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Ebenezer Westbrook, reported the same back without recommendation, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged, and the said bill was ordered to be placed in its order before the House.

The chair announced the following messages from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 19, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, an act to authorize the board of supervisors of the respective counties of this state to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings;

Also, an act to modify the license law;

An act to provide for the alteration of a certain state road;

An act to organize a road district of parts of the counties of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne;

Also, an act to provide for laying out, establishing and constructing a state road in the county of Macomb;

Also, an act to amend chapter three, title three, part first, of the Revised Statutes, relative to the duty of county surveyors;

An act to authorize Ann Reeve to execute a conveyance or conveyances of certain real estate;

Also an act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing, under seal, out of the state;

An act to authorize John R. Haynes to construct a dam across the Paw Paw River, in the county of Van Buren;

Also an act to incorporate the Odd Fellows Hall association of the city of Detroit;

Also an act to revive and extend an act entitled an act to extend Fort street in the city of Detroit until it intersects the road leading from the Detroit river to Dearbonville;

Also an act to amend an act entitled an act to divide the Upper Peninsula into six counties, and to define the bounds of the same, approved March 9, 1843;

Also an act to organize certain townships, to change the names of certain townships and for other purposes;

Also an act to amend chapter four, title one, part three of the Revised Statutes;

Also an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the village of Coldwater, in the county of Branch, approved February 20, 1837;

Also an act relative to the militia;

An act appropriating certain highway taxes for the improvement of the stage road from the village of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, to the village of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien;

Also a joint resolution relative to the claim of school district number three in the township of Kalamazoo;

Also a joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis;

Also a joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors of the Northwestern lakes;

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Saranac, in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road;

JNO. S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 19, 1845.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I respectfully inform the Senate and House of Representatives that I am prepared to submit a nomination for Commissioner of Internal Improvement, and such other nominations as require the action of both branches of the legislature in joint convention whenever it shall suit their convenience.

JNO. S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 19, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State an act to provide for laying out a state road from Union city to Bowman's mills;

Also an act to authorize the sale of certain public lands on Macon reserve;

Also an act for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti Railroad Company.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 19, 1845

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of

Representatives, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the action of ejectment, and the joint resolution for the relief of Peleg Smith, and respectfully inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred therein;

Also to return the bill to regulate the militia, which the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of the Senate.

The question having been announced to be upon concurring in the amendments of the Senate in the bill to regulate the militia; the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to concur therein by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Pullen,
Arnold,	Magoon,	Ransom,
Bancroft,	Menzie,	Richman,
Blair,	Murray,	Roof,
Carter,	Packer,	Steevens,
Davis,	Pitcher,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Power,	Wyman,
Hazelton,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Bowman,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Shaw
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Thompson,
Galloway,	Munger,	Vickery,
Groves,	Pease,	Walker,
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,
Hays,	Rose,	Speaker,
Hill,	Schwarz,	26

SENATE CHAMBER, *March* 19, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Im am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives a bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same with sundry amendments in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of Senate.

The House concurred in the several amendments of the Senate to a bill to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General and for other purposes.

MOTIONS, RSEOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Menzie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Andrews, and

On motion of Mr. Packer,

To Mr. Humphrey, severally, for the remainder of this day.

Mr. Mac Leod offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the commissioner appointed to revise the statutes of this state be authorized and required to cause to be printed in bill form the revision, and that a number sufficient for the use of both branches of the legislature at its next session be made up in book form with proper marginal notes and references for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The rule requiring the reference of said resolution to a standing committee of the House was suspended, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule requiring the reference of the resolution to the committee of the whole was suspended, and the joint resolution was thereupon adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The bill to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Pullen,
Bowman,	Jones,	Ransom,
Cartter,	Magoon,	Roof,
Compton,	Mason,	Schwarz,
Cook,	MacLeod,	Shaw,
Davis,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Eastman,	Munger,	Stone,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Thompson,
Harvie,	Pease,	Wood,
Hill,	Pratt,	Wyman,
A. S. Johnson,		31

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Stillson,

Blair,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Richman,	Williams,	
Groves,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Hays,	Steevens,		14

The bill to amend the act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, approved April 9, 1841, having been read a third time,

Mr. Pratt moved to lay the bill on the table, which motion did not prevail, and the question recurring upon the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Ransom,	
Blair,	Jones,	Roof,	
Bowman,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Stillson,	
Davis,	Murray,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Groves,	Power,	Wyman,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Hays,			34

NAYS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Packer,	Mr. Thompson,	
Galloway,	Rose,	Vickery,	
A. S. Johnson,	Taylor,	Walker,	
Magoon,			10

Mr. Pratt moved the reconsideration of said vote, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The motion to lay upon the table was lost, and thereupon the motion to reconsider was withdrawn.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, and for other purposes, having been read a third time and the question recurring on its passage, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Power,	
Arnold,	Hays,	Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Hill,	Roof,	
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,	

Bowman,	Mason,	Stillson,	
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Stone,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Speaker,	24

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Steevens,	
Compton,	Menzie,	Taylor	
Cook,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Davis,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Walker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Williams,	
D. Johnson,	Rose,	Wood,	21

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House had under consideration a bill to provide for paying interest on certain state bonds.

Mr. Steevens moved that the consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, and on this motion the yeas and nays having been ordered it was lost by the following vote.

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Galloway,	Mr. Roof,	
Bowman,	A. S. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Davis,	Ransom,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Power,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Pullen,	
Blair,	Mason,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,	
Ecklee,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Groves,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Packer,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pease,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Hill,			28

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The further consideration of said bill was postponed to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

The consideration of the joint resolution relative to a sale of the works of internal improvement belonging to the state was indefinitely postponed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Eb enezer Wesbrook.

On motion of Mr. Blair,

The bill was amended by including the names of sundry persons in the county of Lenawee, having similar claims.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The bill was further amended by inserting a provision for the payment for the old Toledo war horse, and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Wyman,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill to incorporate the Michigan Railroad company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Railroads, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The committee of the whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution relative to the project of certain citizens of the State of New York, to levy unequal tolls upon the trade and commerce of the western states, passing through the Oswego canal; and

The bill to amend the second clause of section 3, of chapter 1 title 5, part 3d, of the revised statutes, relative to costs.

And the said bill was thereupon read a third time and passed.

Mr. Harvie moved that the rule be suspended, and the joint resolution relative to the project of certain citizens of New York, &c., be put upon its passage, which motion prevailed; and the question, having been put, the resolution was lost.

Mr. Stone moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Rose,
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Blair,	Menzie,	Steevens,
Cartter,	Munger,	Stillson,
Compton,	Power,	Walker,
Eastman,	Pullen,	Williams,
Ecklee,	Richman,	Wood,
Groves,	Roof,	Wyman,
Harvie,		25

NAYS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Pratt,	
Bowman,	Jones,	Ransom,	
Cook,	Mason,	Stone,	
Davis,	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Hill,	Pease,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,			19

Mr. Cook asked the unanimous consent of the House to offer an amendment to the resolution.

Mr. Harvie objected.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Wyman,	3

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. A. S. Johnson,	Mr. Richman,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Blair,	Jones,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Compton,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Speaker,	39

Mr. MacLeod moved that a committee of two be appointed to inform the Senate that the House are ready to meet them in joint convention, which motion prevailed, and thereupon the chair appointed Messrs. MacLeod and D. Johnson said committee, who after a short absence returned and informed the House that the committee had discharged the duty assigned them.

Senators Howell and Hart were announced as a committee from the Senate to inform the House that the Senate would meet them in joint convention at half past two o'clock this afternoon.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Blair in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place

that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration, the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, and that the committee had directed their chairman to report progress thereon, and ask leave to sit again; and leave was granted accordingly.

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 19, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives the following resolution adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Resolved, That a committee of two from the Senate be appointed to meet a like committee of the House, to examine into the business now before the legislature, and report forthwith upon the propriety of rescinding the joint resolution relative to an adjournment.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The question being upon the adoption of the resolution from the Senate, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to concur therein by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Packer,	Mr. Rose,
Bowman,	Pitcher,	Steevens,
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Stillson,
Galloway,	Pullen,	Thompson,
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom	Walker,
Jones,	Richman,	Wyman,
Aac Leod,	Roof,	Speaker,
Munger,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Pease,
Bancroft,	Hays,	Power,
Blair,	Hazelton,	Schwarz
Cartter,	D. Johnson,	Shaw,
Compton,	Magoon,	Stone,
Cook,	Mason,	Taylor,
Davis,	Menzie,	Vickery,
Eastman,	Murray,	Wood,
Groves,		25

Mr. Cook moved a reconsideration of the vote; pending this motion,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

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Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

And on calling the roll of members, a quorum answered to their names.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly engrossed,

A bill for the relief of the Monroe and Ypsilanti railroad company;

A bill to authorize the sale of lands on the Macon reserve;

A bill to provide for establishing and constructing a wagon road from Jackson to the village of Saranac in the county of Ionia, to be denominated the Clinton road;

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Union city to Bowman's mills.

And that said bills had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The chair announced that the question before the House was upon the motion of Mr. Cook to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to adopt the resolution from the Senate proposing the appointment of a joint committee on the subject of an adjournment of the legislature, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the House concurred therein by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Rose,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Schwarz,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Seevens,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Stillson,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Wyman,	
Humphrey,	Roof,	Speaker,	
Jones,			22

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Power,	
Blair,	Hays,	Stone,	
Carter,	D. Johnson,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Magoon,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Wood,	15

Mr. D. Johnson moved a call of the House, and the call having been sustained, the roll of members was called over, and it thereupon appeared that Messrs. Bancroft, Cook, A. S. Johnson, Mason, Pullen, Richman, Shaw and Walker, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Vickery moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to incorporate the Alphadelphia association was indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to report back the claim of Parshall and Foster, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The claimants had leave to withdraw their claim.

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, which was sustained, and upon calling the roll of members, it appeared that Messrs. Bancroft, Cook, Hazelton, A. S. Johnson, Mason, Pullen, Richman, Roof and Williams, were absent without leave.

The sergeant-at-arms was despatched for the absentees, who shortly after reported that all the absentees were present, except Messrs. Hazelton, A. S. Johnson and Richman, who could not be found.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A committee was appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform the Senate that the House were now ready to meet them in joint convention; and the committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Pratt and Schwarz, who shortly after reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Smith and Richmond, was announced, who informed the House that the Senate would immediately meet the House in joint convention in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The honorable the Senate was then announced, and the Senators were conducted to their seats.

JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the President *pro tem*

of the Senate, and the respective rolls of the two Houses were called when the following Senators and Representatives answered to their names:

SENATORS.

Allen,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Smith,
Chipman,	Mason,	Thurber,
Cust,	Niles,	Turner,
Denton,	Patterson,	Videto,
Hale,	Pratt,	Williams,
Hart,	Richmond,	President *pro tem*,

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Ransom,
Arnold,	A. S. Johnson,	Roof,
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Rose,
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Mason,	Steevens,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stillson,
Cook,	Menzie,	Stone,
Davis,	Munger,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Murray,	Thompson,
Ecklee,	Packer,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Pease,	Walker,
Groves,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Havie,	Power,	Wood,
Hays,	Pratt,	Wyman,
Hill,	Pullen,	Speaker,

On motion of Senator Richmond,

A committee of two, consisting of one from each House, was ordered to be appointed to wait on the Governor and to inform him that the two Houses were assembled in joint convention, and were ready to receive any communication that he might be pleased to make.

The President appointed as said committee, Senator Richmond and Mr. Stone, who, after a short absence, reported that they had discharged the duty for which they were appointed, and that the committee had received for answer that he would immediately transmit a communication in writing.

The following communication was thereupon announced by the Chair:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 19, 1845.

To the Senate and House of Representatives, in Joint Convention:

I hereby nominate Oliver C. Comstock, Jun. of Calhoun county,

to be acting commissioner of internal improvement for the legal term, to commence on the 8th day of April next, when his present term will expire.

I also nominate Ira Mayhew, of Monroe county, to be superintendent of public instruction, for the constitutional term, to commence on the 19th day of April next, when the term of the present incumbent will expire. JNO. S. BARRY.

Mr. Pratt moved that the convention take a recess of fifteen minutes, which motion did not prevail.

Senator Denton moved that the convention adjourn to seven o'clock this evening, which motion was also lost by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Smith,	
Chipman,	Mason,	Thurber,	
Cust,	Niles,	Turner,	
Denton,	Patterson,	Videto,	
Hale,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Hart,	Richmond,	President *pro tem.*	18

NAYS. 0

REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS:

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Steevens,	
Bancroft,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Speaker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Roof,		14

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Pullen,	
Blair,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Mac Leod,	Stone,	
Cook,	Menzie,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Murray,	Vickery,	
Eastman,	Packer,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Pease,	Williams,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hays,	Power,	Wyman,	
Hill,			34

The convention thereupon advised and consented to the nomination of Oliver C. Comstock, jr., by the following vote;

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Thurber,	
Chipman,	Mason,	Turner,	
Cust,	Niles,	Videto,	
Denton,	Patterson,	Williams,	
Hale,	Richmond,	President *pro tem.*	15

NAYS.

Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Pratt,	Mr. Smith,	3

REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Humphrey,	Mr. Richman,	
Bancroft,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Mason,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Walker,	
Groves,	Pease,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hill,			31

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Roof,	
Bowman,	Mac Leod,	Rose,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Cook,	Power,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Vickery,	
A. S. Johnson,	Ransom,	Speaker,	18

Senator Mason thereupon moved that the convention do now adjourn until seven o'clock this evening. The motion did not prevail.

The convention advised and consented to the nomination of Ira Mayhew of Monroe by the following vote:

SENATORS.

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Thurber,	
Chipman,	Patterson,	Turner,	
Cust,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Denton,	Richmond,	President *pro tem.*	
Hale,			13

NAYS:

Mr. Littlejohn,	Mr. Niles,	Mr. Videto,	
Mason,	Smith,		5

REPRESENTATIVES.

YEAS.

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	Menzie,	Rose,	
Bancroft,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Blair,	Murray,	Shaw,	
Bowman,	Packer,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Pease,	Stillson,	
Davis,	Pitcher,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Power,	Taylor,	
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Humphrey,	Pullen,	Williams,	
D. Johnson,	Ransom,	Wood,	
Magoon,	Richman,	Wyman,	36

NAYS.

Mr. Cartter,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. MacLeod,	
Cook,	Hill,	Thompson,	
Galloway,	A. S Johnson,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Jones,	Speaker,	
Harvie,			13

On motion of Senator Hart,

The convention adjourned *sine die.*

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of the Senate.
E. WILLIAMS,
Clerk of the House of Reps.

The House was again called to order by the Speaker, and on calling the roll of members a quorum answered to their names.

GENERAL APPROPRIATION.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845,

Mr. Blair in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consderation the said bill and had made sundry amendments therein, in which the concurrence of the House was asked, and the House accordingly concurred therein.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Sec. 1 was amended by striking out all between the words "James Covel Jr." in the 51st line, and the word "to" in the 52d line, and insert the following:

The sum of fifty dollars, payable by a warrant drawn upon the internal improvement fund with interest from the passage of this act.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The bill was laid upon the table,

MESSAGES.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 19, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives, that the Senate have appointed Senators Littlejohn and Allen, a committee on the part of the Senate to meet the committee on the part of the House to examine into the business before the legislature, and report forthwith on the propriety of rescinding the joint resolution relative to an adjournment.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the joint committee of the two houses, under the resolution of this date relative to an adjournment of the legislature, submitted the following reports:

The Senate have in committees, standing, select, and of the whole, upon the table, and on the list of unfinished business, over fifty bills and joint resolutions. They have also many Executive nominations to act upon, including all the Marshals for taking the census. The committee of the Senate deem it impossible to act understandingly upon those matters, and adjourn before Monday the 24th inst.

F. J. LITTLEJOHN, } *Com.*
JOHN ALLEN, }

The House of Representatives have no business before them, and are ready to adjourn now; but deem it advisable to extend the time for the adjournment of the legislature, as long as will suffice the Senate to transact their business,

W. N. MAC LEOD, } *Com.*
H. STONE, }

The chair announced the following resolution transmitted to him from the Senate:

Whereas, There is now before the two houses a large amount of

unfinished business, including some fifty bills and joint resolutions, many of which are of great importance to the people of this state.

And whereas, There is still much executive business before the Governor and Senate, not yet acted upon.

And whereas, It would not be possible to act upon, and do justice, to more than one half the business to be acted upon, within the time fixed upon for an adjournment. Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the joint resolution fixing the time for adjournment, be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the legislature will adjourn *sine die*, on the 24th day of March instant.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The words "two houses" was stricken out, and the word "Senate" inserted.

Mr. Stone moved to strike out 24th and insert 21st.

Mr. D. Johnson proposed 20th.

The question having been divided, it was first taken upon striking out, which was lost.

Mr. Pratt moved to strike out the preamble, which was also lost.

Mr. Stillson moved to strike out Senate and insert Legislature;—which motion did not prevail.

Mr. MacLeod moved to strike out the first clause of the preamble; and the yeas and nays having been ordered, it was negatived by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Ecklee,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Rose,	
Galloway,	Power,	Steevens,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Thompson,	
Jones,	Pullen,	Walker,	
Mac Leod,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Munger,	Roof,	Speaker,	18

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Pitcher,	
Bancroft,	Hazelton,	Ransom,	
Blair,	A. S. Johnson,	Schwarz,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Stillson,	
Cartter,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Cook,	Mason,	Williams,	
Davis,	Menzie,	Wood,	
Eastman,	Packer,		23

Mr. MacLeod moved the previous question, and the House having sustained the call, the main question, being upon the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was concurred in by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. MacLeod,	Mr. Rose,	
Bowman,	Munger,	Schwarz,	
Eastman	Murray,	Steevens,	
Ecklee,	Packer,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Power,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Walker,	
A. S. Johnson,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Jones,	Richman	Wyman,	
Magoon,	Roof,	Speaker,	
Mason,			28

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Menzie,	
Blair,	Hays,	Pitcher,	
Cartter,	Hazelton,	Stillson,	
Davis,	D. Johnson,		11

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House adjourned to half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 20, 1845.

The House was called to order by the Speaker,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the claim of the Quarter Master General, for his services during the past year, reported the same back to the House and recommended that it be referred to a select committee.

The claim was accordingly so referred, and said committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. Harvie, MacLeod, Groves, Bancroft, and Vickery.

Mr. Pratt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the claims of Thomas Rowland, P. M. of the city of Detroit, and of A. S. Bagg, reported the same back to the House and recommended that the said claims be referred to the committee of ways and means with

instructions to amend the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, by inserting the said claims therein.

Mr. Bancroft from the committee on printing, to whom was referred sundry accounts for printing, made a report thereon.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to authorize the township board of the town of Newark, county of Allegan, to build a bridge across Kalamazoo river, at or near its mouth.

A bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment;

A bill to provide for the laying out of certain state roads;

A bill to provide for the reassessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes;

A joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain university lands, and that the bills and resolution had been this day presented to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Steevens, from the committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the petition of 88 inhabitants of Detroit praying the legislature to take the same action that Massachusetts has taken to procure an amendment to the constitution of the United States, on the subject of a 3-5ths representation, reported the same back to the House and recommended that the petition be referred to a select committee.

The said petition was accordingly so referred, and the committee ordered to consist of Messrs. Eastman, Stillson, Mason, Jones, and Cook.

Mr. Eastman asked to be excused from serving on the said select committee, to which the house assented; and the chair thereupon appointed Mr. Bancroft to fill the vacancy.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 19, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return the House of Representatives,

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

I am further instructed by the Senate to return the following bills, which they have also passed without amendment:

A bill to repeal a part of an act entitled an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment;

A bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Kalamazoo river at or near its mouth;

A joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain university lands,

And a bill to provide for the laying out of certain state roads.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The said bills and joint resolution, referred to in the foregoing message, were severally ordered to be enrolled.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 20, 1844. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to the bill to amend section 6 of a certain act.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 20, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that they have appointed Senators Cust, Chipman and Denton a committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreement between the two houses upon the bill to amend the act to establish a land office, &c.

Also that the Senate insist on their amendments to the bill for the preservation of the state library, and the bill to regulate the militia.

Also that the Senate have concurred in the House amendment to

the bill to authorize Orange J. Niles and George Niles to erect a store house on the margin of the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal.

Also that the Senate have concurred in the 2d and 3d house amendments to the bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843, and have non-curred in the first amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 19, 1845 }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives,

A bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption to certain school lands, which the senate have passed with sundry amendments in which the cancurrence of the house is respectfully asked.

Also to transmit a joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare;

A joint resolution authorizing the Governor to direct the removal of a certain steam engine, &c., to the state prison at Jackson.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the supreme court and the court of chancery, approved Februry 29, 1844, and

A bill for the relief of the heirs at law of Timothy Crittenden, deceased, which bills the Senate have severally passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 20, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain moneys belong-

ing to the primary school fund, which the Senate have passed and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of Senate.

SEATE CHAMBER,
March 20, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, and respectfully inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred therein.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 20, 1845.

To the Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to improve the administration of justice, which the Senate have passed, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The bill to improve the administration of justice was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Mac Leod moved that the House do insist upon their first amendment to the bill to amend an act relative to common or primary schools, which motion was lost, and the House thereupon receded from said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adhered to their refusal to coneur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill to regulate the militia.

The House concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption to certain school lands.

The bill from the Senate to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Chancery, approved February 29, 1844, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rules were suspended, and the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare, and the joint resolution authorizing the Governor to direct the removal of a certain steam engine, &c., to the state prison at Jackson, were severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House resolved to adhere their non-concurrence in the amendments to the bill for the preservation of the state library.

Mr. Mac Leod moved a reconsideration of the vote upon the adoption of the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare, which prevailed, and

On motion Mr. Mac Leod,

The "Secretary of State" was substituted for the "board of regents of the university;" the "state" for the "university" library.

The bill from the Senate for the relief of the heirs at law of Timothy Crittenden deceased, (the rules having been suspended) was considered, and the question being upon its passage,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was laid upon the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Mac Leod moved a call of the House, which motion was sustained; and upon calling the roll of members, it appeared that Messrs. Barbeau and Fowler were absent on leave, and Messrs. Adams, Andrews, Davis, Eastman, A. S. Johnson, Jones, Menzie, Munger Murray, Ransom, Richman, Roof, Schwarz, Shaw and Taylor, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Schwarz for one day.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. A. S. Johnson until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Pease,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Menzie for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Steevens,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Packer.

On motion of Mr. Power,

Like leave was granted to Mr. Adams.

Mr. Wyman moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Humphrey for the remainder of the session—lost.

Mr. Bowman made a like motion for Mr. Cook, which was also lost.

Mr. Stillson moved the reconsideration of the vote by which the house refused to grant leave of absence to Mr. Cook for the remainder of the session; the motion did not prevail.

Mr. MacLeod moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Roof for the remainder of the session, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Groves moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to grant leave of absence to Mr. Humphrey for the remainder of the session, and the House refused to reconsider said vote.

Mr. Pratt moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr. Humphrey for two days, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Groves asked for leave of absence to Mr. Richman for one day, which the House refused.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The rule was suspended, and the bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. D. Johnson moved that the rule requiring the reference of said bill to the committee of the whole be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its passage, which motion was lost.

Mr. MacLeod, from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred the bill to amend an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the Supreme court and the court of chancery, approved February 29, 1844, asked and obtained leave to report the same back to the House, recommended its passage, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The committee were accordingly discharged and the said bill referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Harvie asked leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo mutual insurance company, approved March 7th, 1834.

And the question being on granting leave, it was negatived.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to grant leave to introduce said bill, which motion prevailed; and the rule being suspended, the said bill was read the first and second time and referred to a committee of the whole.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The House took up for consideration the special order of the day, being the joint resolution relative to the imprisonment of Thomas W. Dorr; and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The consideration of said joint resolution was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The consideration of the bill to incorporate the Michigan Rail Road Company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Rail Roads, was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wyman moved that the House take a recess until half past two o'clock—lost.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House resolved itself into a committtee of the whole upon the general order, Mr. Blair in the chair, and after some time spent thereon the committee rose, and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

The bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year 1845, and had made sundry amendments therein, which he was directed to report to the House, and ask that the committee have leave to sit again.

The House refused leave to the committee to sit again, and concurred in the several amendments made in said bill; and

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was again called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members answered to the call of the roll.

The chair having announced that the House had under consideration the unfinished buiness of the morning, being the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845,

Mr. Bancroft moved that the following item in the third line of section two, to wit: "For printing for Auditor General, $869," be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Cook moved to amend the motion by inserting "all the accounts of Bagg & Harmon, for printing," which motion did not prevail; and the question recurring upon the original motion, the yeas and nays were ordered and it prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Richman,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Roof,	
Bowman,	Magoon,	Rose,	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Cook,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pease,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Speaker,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Pullen,	
Eastman,	D. Johnson,	Steevens,	
Harvie,	Mason,	Stone,	
Hazelton,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	12

And the chairman thereupon appointed Messrs. Bancroft, Jones, Richman, Cook and Bowman, as such committee.

Mr. Cook moved that the committee have power to send for persons and papers, which motion was lost.

Mr. Richman asked to be excused from serving on said committee, which the House refused.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The committee were ordered to report the bill back to the House forthwith.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Mac Leod in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon, the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole House had had under consideration,

A bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo mutual insurance company approved March 7, 1834.

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the supreme court and court of chancery, approved Feb. 29, 1844.

And that the committee had directed their chairman to report the said bills to the House without amendment, whereupon the bill to amend an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the supreme court, &c., was ordered to a 3d reading.

The bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund, being under consideration,

Mr. Steevens moved to strike out the two last sections of the bill.

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the amendment by striking out the last section only.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo Mutual Insurance Company, approved March 7, 1834, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The chairman of the committee of the whole also reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill to simplify the laws of the state of Michigan so as to come within the knowledge of every person, and to admit every man to practice at the bar, and for other purposes, and had made sundry amendments therein, in which the concurrence of the House was respectfully asked.

The House concurred in said amendments, and the rule having been suspended, the said bill was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund was taken from the table and the

question being upon striking out the last section of the bill it was again,

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,

Laid upon the table, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Taken from the table and referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Mac Leod from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred the bill from the Senate to improve the administration of justice, reported the same back to the House without amendment and recommend that the bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment asked for and obtained leave to report as correctly engrossed, a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo mutual insurance company, and the rule,

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

Having been suspended, the said bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Groves moved that the House do now adjourn, which motion was lost.

The rule having been suspended,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The bill to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the supreme court and the court of chancery, approved Feb. 29, 1844, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The rule was suspended and the bill for the relief of the heirs at law of Timothy Crittenden, deceased, was also read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House adjourned until half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, March 21, 1845

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appeared.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Chaplain.

REPORTS.

Mr. Stone from the committee of ways and means to whom was referred the bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain money belonging to the primary school fund, reported the said bill back to the House with sundry amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill.

The report of the committee was adopted, the committee discharged, and the bill placed in the order of unfinished business.

Mr. Bancroft from a select committee reported as follows:

The select committee to whom was referred the claim of Bagg & Harmon, for printing for the Auditor General's office, have directed their chairman to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the select committee to whom was referred the account of Messrs. Bagg & Harmon, for printing done for the Auditor General's office, have power to send for persons and papers, and take the testimony of witnesses in relation to the subject matter before them.

And the question being upon the adoption of the resolution, it was rejected.

Hr. Harvie, from a select committee appointed for that purpose, made the following report:

The select committee, to whom was referred the claim of the Quartermaster General, for past services, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report, that the said claim is for services actually rendered and past, and that the evidence in which it rests is the same as that which supports all claims against the state, to enquire into which there exists a standing committee of this House who are presumed to be familiar with the best mode of investigating all such claims. The object for which this select committee was at first constituted, was prospectively to fix the salary, which the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General ought to receive, in future

not to determine the value of past services, nor do this select committee possess the requisite facilities to press on this claim.

Your committee would therefore respectfully ask that the Quartermaster General's claim be recommitted to the committee on claims, and to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The select committee were discharged from the consideration of the subject, and the claim referred accordingly.

The chair announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 20, 1845.

To the Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives,

A bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state, and inform the House that the Senate have passed with an amendment, in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Also, to return the bill to provide for the draining of swamps and marshes and other low lands, &c. and respectfully inform the House that the Senate have refused to pass the same.

Also, to return the bill to regulate the militia, and inform the House that the Senate adhere to their amendments to said bill.

Also to return the bill for the preservation of the state library, and inform the House the Senate adhere to their amendment and have appointed Senators Cust and Littlejohn a committee of conference on the part of the Senate upon a disagreement between the two houses, relative thereto, and respectfully request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Also to inform the House that the Senate have non-concurred in the House amendment, to the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare;

Also a bill to authorize the state officers to act as trustees of the Michigan state bank and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Also to transmit joint resolution relative to the powers conferred upon the board of auditors established to investigate certain claims &c. under the act of March 1845.

Which the Senate have apopted and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of the Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 21, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House of Representatives,

A bill making appropriations of lands upon the central and southern Railroads and other works of interual improvement for the year 1855, which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of the Senate.

The House concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state adhered to their non-concurrence with the Senate in their amendments to the bill for the preserpation of the state library and insist in their amendments to the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare.

Joint resolution relative to the powers conferred upon the board of anditors established to investigate certain claims &c., under the act of March 1845, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The several bills returned by the Senate without amendment were ordered to be enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Compton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be instructed to report what portion of the stationery, if any, purporting to have been furnished the House during the present session, has found its way into the hands of individuals, without the specific authority of the committee on supplies, and why the expenses for this single purpose have increased from about five hundred dollars, in 1844, to some thirteen hundred dollars in 1845.

Mr. Steevens moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion did not prevail, and the resolution was thereupon adopted.

UFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain school monies belonging to the primary school fund, and to increase the state tax.

Mr Blair moved to amend the bill by adding a section to stand as section 4:

Sec. 4. That the fourth clause of section 17, of an act entitled an act relative to common or primary schools, approved March 8, 1843, be and hereby is amended by adding at the end of said clause, the following: "And also such tax to pay teachers, as they may deem proper, not to exceed one dollar for each scholar, between the age of 4 and 18 years, in the district, which shall be assessed, collected, and disbursed in the same manner as taxes for building or purchasing school houses as aforesaid.

Mr. Galloway moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "district" and inserting "township."

The motion to amend the amendment did not prevail.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a reconsideration of the vote, and the question on the amendment to the amendment was again put and lost.

Mr. Steevens offered the following amendment to the amendment:

And that each township shall levy a tax sufficient to furnish poor and indigent children with comfortable clothing.

Which motion was lost.

And the question recurring on the original motion to amend, the yeas and nays were ordered and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Thompson,
Blair	Mason,	Walker,
Compton,	Power,	Williams,
Eastman,	Roof,	Wood,
Ecklee,	Stone,	Wyman,
Hill,		16

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hazelton,	Mr. Pullen,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Richman,
Bowman,	Magoon,	Rose,
Carter,	MacLeod,	Schwarz,

Cook,	Munger,	Shaw,	
Davis,	Murray,	Steevens,	
Galloway,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Vickery,	24

On motion of Mr. Speaker, (Mr. Wyman in the chair,)

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bancroft, from the select committee, to whom was referred an item in the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year 1845; for printing for the Auditor General, $869, in obedience to the instructions of the committee, submitted a report, and gave notice that he should submit a counter report, as the minority of said committee.

Mr. Mac Leod raised the following question of order:

The chair cannot, under the thirty-third rule of this House, entertain the report or permit any debate thereon.

The chair decided that, under said rule, the report could not be entained; and

Mr. Jones appealed from the decision of the chair, and upon the question, "shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?" the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was sustained by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Shaw	
Cartter,	MacLeod,	Steevens,	
Compton,	Munger,	Stillson,	
Davis,	Murray,	Stone,	
Eastman,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Groves,	Pitcher,	Thompson,	
Harvie,	Power,	Vickery,	
Hays,	Pratt,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Hill,	Roof,	Wood,	
D. Johnson,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Magoon,	Schwarz,		35

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ransom,	
Bancroft,	Jones,	Richman,	
Bowman,			7

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was again called to order by the Speaker.

On calling the roll a quorum of members appeared.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern, in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston, and

A bill to secure to Stephen J. Morse the right of pre-emption to certain school lands, and that said bills had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The chair announced the following communication :

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 21, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Represntatives :

SIR :—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a bill to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren ;

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals, &c. ;

A bill for the relief of Mark Cannon ;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company ;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road ;

A bill appropriating certain nonresident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River turnpike between the village of Howell, in Livingston county, and the house of Justice Gilkey, in Ingham county ;

A bill in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners ;

A bill to amend part first, title four, chapter one of the revised statutes ;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of the state, approved March 16th, 1844 ;

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a state road, and for other purposes;

A bill for the relief of the township of Marcellus; and

A bill for the relief of John Silk, which the Senate have severally passed without amendment.

Also to return to the House the following bills, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

A bill in relation to taxing banks; and

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in cilvil proceedings, and for other purposes.

Also to return the following bills, which the Senate have refused to pass:

A bill relative to highway and outside fences;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act relative to the conveyance of real estate, approved April 1st, 1840;

And a joint resolution to provide for an equitable settlement of the claim of Porter Kibbee; and to transmit the following bills, which the Senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the House is asked:

A joint resolution relative to the claim of Hicks & Co.;

And a bill to provide against trespassers on towing paths of canals.

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The House concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill in relation to taxing banks, and the bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, and for other purposes.

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Hicks & Co. was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on claims.

The bill to provide against trespasses on towing paths of canals was read the first and second time, and on motion of Mr. Carter, the several rules requiring its referrence to a standing committee of the house, to a committee of the whole and to be engrossed, having been suspended, was read a third time and passed.

The bills returned by the Senate without amendment were severally ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to provide for paying interest on certain state bonds, having come under consideration of the House as unfinished business,

On motion of Mr. Richmond,

The bill was laid upon the table.

The House had also under consideration, a bill to incorporate the Michigan railroad company, and to authorize the sale of the Central and Southern railroads, and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The bill was also laid upon the table.

The chair having announced that the Senate had transmitted to the House by message a bill making appropriations upon the Central and Southern railroads, &c.,

Mr. MacLeod moved that the House do not receive the bill.

Mr. Wyman moved to amend by excepting such parts thereof as relate to the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh railroad; and the chair decided that the bill was not susceptible of derision.

The question recurring on the original motion, it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Munger,	Steevens,	
Davis,	Murray,	Stone,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Walker,	
Hazelton,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Hill,	Rose,	Speaker,	21

NAYS:

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Roof,	
Blair,	Jones,	Stillson,	
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Taylor,	
Compton,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Power,	Vickery,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Harvie,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hays,			22

Mr. Pratt moved to suspend the rules requiring the reference of the billl.

And on this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Rose,
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Schwarz,

Carter,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Compton,	Munger,	Stone,	
Cook,	Murray,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Vickery,	
Galloway,	Power,	Walker,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Hazelton,			28

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Roof,	
Blair,	MacLeod,	Taylor,	
Bowman,	Pease,	Wyman,	
Davis,	Richman,	Speaker,	
Groves,			13

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The consideration of said bill was indefinitely postponed (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,	
Arnold,	D. Johnson,	Rose,	
Bancroft,	Magoon,	Schwarz,	
Carter,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Davis,	Murray,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Harvie,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Speaker,	27

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Roof,	
Bowman,	Mac Leod,	Shaw,	
Cook,	Pease,	Taylor,	
Eastman,	Power,	Thompson,	
Groves,	Richman,	Wyman,	
Hays,			16

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of said bill, which motion did not prevail.

Mr Wood moved a call of the house, which was not sustained.

The chair announced as the unfinished business before the house the bill to improve the administration of justice.

Mr. Roof moved to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following instead thereof:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

Sec. 1. That the plaintiff or defendant in any cause, prosecution or suit, being a citizen of this state may appear, plead, pursue or de-

fend, in his proper person, or by such other citizen of this state being of good and reputable character and behavior, as he may engage, whether the person so employed be admitted as an attorney at law or not.

Sec. 2. That all attorneys commonly practising in any courts of justice within this state, shall be under oath which oath shall be administered to them by the Clerk in open Court before the justices or judges of the same, at the time of their being admitted to such practice in the tenor following, that is to say; 'you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of this state, and that you will conduct yourself as an attorney at law, according to the best of your knowledge and discretion, and with all good fidelity as well to the courts in which you may practice, as to your clients, that you will not wittingly or willingly promote, sue or procure to be sued, any false or unlawful suit, nor consent to the same.

Sec. 3. That acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

And the question being upon striking out and inserting, it was lost.

Mr. Harvie moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, which was also lost. And

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The rule was suspended, and thereupon the bill was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Steevens,	
Arnold,	MacLeod,	Taylor,	
Bowman,	Munger,	Vickery,	
Cook,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pratt,	Williams,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Wood,	
Galloway,	Rose,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Schwarz,	Speaker,	
Hill,			25

NAYS.

Mr. Bancroft,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Roof,	
Blair,	Mason,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Pease,	Stillson,	
Compton,	Pitcher,	Stone,	
Harvie,	Ransom,	Thompson,	
D. Johnson,	Richman,		17

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Mr. D. Johnson asked for leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which the House refused.

In obedience to an order of the House,

Mr. Jones, from the select committee, to whom was referred a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, reported the same back to the House.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

The House adjourned to half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, March 22, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum of members appeared in answer to the call.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Watson, Chaplain.

REPORTS.

Mr. Pratt, from the committee on claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution from the Senate, relative to the claim of Hicks & Co., reported the same back to the House without recommendation, the committee not having been placed in possession of the papers upon which the claim is founded.

Mr. D. Johnson moved a call of the House, which was sustained, and it appeared that Messrs. Bancroft, Shaw and Stillson were absent without leave.

Mr. Eastman asked for and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Bancroft for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker asked for and obtained like leave for Mr. Stillson.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Steevens offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That after this day, at noon, no more reports from standing or select committees, be received by this House.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Galloway moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill to improve the administration of justice was passed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Harvie,	Mr. Schwarz	
Cartter,	Hays,	Steevens,	
Compton,	D. Johnson,	Stone,	
Davis,	Mason,	Thompson,	
Eastman,	Mac Leod,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Pease,	Speaker,	
Groves,	Pratt,		20

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Roof,	
Arnold,	Munger,	Rose,	
Bowman,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Cook,	Power,	Vickery,	
Hazelton,	Pullen,	Williams,	
Hill,	Ransom	Wood,	
Jones,	Richman,		20

Mr. Hill moved a call of the house, which motion was sustained, and it appeared that Messrs. Cartter, Eastman and Munger, were absent without leave.

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 22, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to provide for the re-assessment of taxes rejected by the Auditor General, and for other purposes.

Also an act for the relief of Horace Steevens.

JNO. S. BARRY.

The Speaker also announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the house that the senate adhere to their amendment to the bill for the preservation of the state library.

Also that the senate have appointed Senators Smith and Patterson

a committee of conference on the part of the senate upon the disagreement between the two houses upon the amendment to the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare, and respecfully request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the house.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 22, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Washtenaw county to purchase land for a poor house farm, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Also, to return to the house the following bills, which the Senate have passed without amendment:

A bill for the relief of school district number six in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw, and

A joint resolution relative to the routes of the Central and Southern Railroad.

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec'y of Sennte.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
March 22, 1845. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill to provide for the current expenses of the State for the year 1845, and for other purposes, which the Senate have passed with amendments, in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Your ob't serv't,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The House adhered to their disagreement with the amendment of the Senate to the bill for the preservation of the state library, and refused to order a committee of conference on the part of the house upon the disagreement of the two houses in relation to the proposed amendments to the joint resolution relative to books transmitted by Mr. Vattemare.

The bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Washtenaw county to purchase lands for a poor house farm, was read the first and second time, and

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rule was suspended and the bill referred to the committee of the whole.

The several bills returned to the House without amendment were ordered to be enrolled.

The House concurred in the amendments to the bill to provide for the current expenses of the year eighteen hundred and forty five and for other purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriation to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

All after $30 in the sixth line of section 4 to the end of the section was striken out of the bill.

Mr. Pratt moved a reconsideration of the vote upon striking out, which motion was lost.

Mr. Jones moved to strike out of the 8th line of sec. 1, the "secretary of state's," and insert "auditor general's" instead.

Mr. Mac Leod moved to fill the blank in 98th line of Sec. 1, with the word 'forty,' which was lost.

Mr. Pratt moved the words "thirty nine" which was also lost as was "thirty five" and "thirty" successively introduced.

The motion to fill the blank with "twenty five," prevailed.

Mr. Wyman moved to strike out of section two all after the blank in the 19th line.

Mr. Mac Leod moved to amend the amendment by filling the blank with the sum of $300.

Without taking the question on either the amendment or the amendment thereto,

On motion of Mr. Roof,

Section one was amended by adding at the end of section 1 as follows: To Ezra Williams for services as Quartermaster General for the year 1844, dollars, and

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The House took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session—Half past two o'clock.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred a joint resolution relative to the powers conferred upon the board of state auditors, established to investigate certain claims, reported the same back with an amendment, and recommended that the House concur in the resolution as amended.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The rule was suspended, and the resolution concurred in.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the same committee, reported back a bill to repeal an act to repeal sections forty-three and forty-six of chapter 1 title 7 part first of the revised statutes, and recommend that the same do not pass.

The committee also reported a substitute.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The rule was suspended, and the question being upon ordering the bill to a third reading, the House refused.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

The rule was suspended, and the question occurring upon ordering the substitute reported by the committee on the judiciary to be engrossed; the House refused.

Mr. Eastman from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled,

A bill to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state;

A bill for the relief of John Silk;

A joint resolution relative to the distribution of the session laws, journals, &c.;

A bill for the relief of the township of Marcellus;

A bill to provide for laying out a certain state road;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood Swamp turnpike company;

A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson in the county of Jackson to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes;

A bill in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and

duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, and for other purposes;

A bill for the relief of Mark Cannon;

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims or damages growing out of the internal improvements of the state, approved March 20th, 1844.

A bill to amend part 1, title 4, chapter 1, of the revised statutes;

A bill to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river in the county of Van Buren;

A bill in relation to taxing banks;

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing a state road, and for other purposes;

A joint resolution relative to the routes of the Central and Southern railroads;

And that the same had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The House had under consideration a bill to provide for paying interest on certain state bonds,

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The rule was suspended requiring the bill to be referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Steevens moved that the consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Roof,	Mr. Thompson,	
Cook,	Steevens,	Speaker,	
Pratt,	Taylor,		8

NAYS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Rose,	
Blair,	Jones,	Schwarz,	
Compton,	Magoon,	Shaw,	
Davis,	Mason,	Stone,	
Eastman,	MacLeod,	Walker,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Wood,	
Groves,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Hazelton,	Ransom,		26

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The first section was stricken out, and section two amended by striking out the words "tax provided for as aforesaid," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad, after paying the expenses of its completion to Clinton," which motion prevailed.

Mr. Cook moved to amend the second section by adding after the word "holders," in the second line, as follows—"of all bonds issued by this state and now outstanding and unpaid so soon as presented for payment to the state treasurer."

The motion did not prevail, and the bill was thereupon ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The house had also under consideration, a bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund and to increase the state tax.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

The rule was suspended, and the question being upon ordering the bill to be engrossed,

On motion of Mr D. Johnson,

The vote by which a part of section 3 was stricken out, was reconsidered, (the yeas and nays having been ordered) by the following vote:

YEAS:

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Schwarz,	
Cartter,	Mason,	Stone,	
Compton,	Murray,	Taylor,	
Davis,	Pease,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Power,	Walker,	
Galloway,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Hazelton,	Rose,	Speaker,	21

NAYS.

Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hill,	Mr. Ransom,	
Bowman,	D. Johnson,	Roof,	
Eastman,	Jones,	Shaw,	
Groves,	Mac Leod,	Williams,	
Hays,	Pullen,	Wyman,	15

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The bill was further amended by inserting in the third line of said section, after the word "forty-five," the words "and thereafter," which prevailed; and

On motion of Mr. Andrews,

The rule was suspended, and the said bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Cartter,

The rule was suspended, and the bill from the Senate to authorize the board of supervisors of Washtenaw county to purchase land for a poor house farm was put upon its passage; and

On motion of Mr. Compton,

The consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to incorporate the Michigan railroad company and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central railroads, being under consideration, and the question being upon its passage,

Mr. Pratt moved a call of the House, which was sustained, and on calling the roll, Messrs. Bowman, Cook, Groves, D. Johnson and Ransom were found to be absent without leave:

Mr. Hays moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, which was lost.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

A special messenger (the sergeant-at-arms being absent) was despatched for the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Compton,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Andrews moved that the bill be laid upon the table, and the yeas and nays having been ordered, the motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Richman,
Bowman,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Compton,	Pease,	Taylor,
Eastman,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hays,		13

NAYS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,
Blair,	Magoon,	Shaw,
Cartter,	Munger,	Steevens,
Cook,	Murray,	Thompson,
Davis,	Power,	Vickery,
Ecklee,	Pratt,	Walker,
Galloway,	Pullen,	Wood,
Havie,	Roof,	Wyman,
Hazelton,	Rose,	Speaker,
Hill,		28

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And the question recurring on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was lost by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Magoon,	Mr. Rose,
Blair,	Munger,	Seevens,
Cartter,	Murray,	Taylor,
Cook,	Power,	Thompson,
Davis,	Pratt,	Vickery,
Galloway,	Richman,	Wyman,
Harvie,	Roof,	Speaker,
Hazelton,		22

NAYS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Schwarz,
Bowman,	Mason,	Shaw,
Compton,	MacLeod,	Stone,
Eastman,	Pease,	Walker,
Ecklee,	Pitcher,	Williams,
Hays,	Pullen,	Wood,
Hill,		19

The question being upon the passage of the bill to provide for paying interest on certain state bonds, it was also lost.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses for the year 1845, and the question being upon the amendment proposing to fill the blank with $300, it was carried in the affirmative; and the question recurring upon the motion to strike out the appropriation for an assistant to the state geologist, it was lost.

Mr. Harvie moved to strike $20 in the clause making provision for the payment of Bagg & Harmon for printing divisions, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Harvie moved to fill the blank with $80.

Mr. Cook proposed $15.

Mr. Richman proposed $350.

Mr. Thompson proposed $60.

And the question having been severally put upon $350 and $80 and lost, the motion to fill the blank with $60 prevailed.

Mr. Compton moved to strike out of the 61st line of section one, $413 24, and insert $380, which was lost.

Mr. Compton thereupon moved to strike out of the 64th line of the same section $537 98, and insert $487 50; and this motion was also lost.

Mr. Galloway moved to fill the blank for newspapers with $200, which prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The blank in the provision for the payment of the quarter master general for services rendered in the year 1844, was filled with two hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Power,

The bill was amended by adding as follows:

To C. Morse, for stationery supplied to the present legislature, sixty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents.

And the bill was passed.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House a bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford road company, and to inform them that the senate have refused to pass the same.

Also to return to the house the joint resolution relative to the printing of the revision of the statutes, which the senate have adopted with an amendment, in which the concurrence of the house is respectfully asked.

And a bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by the said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal, which the senate have passed without amendment.

Also to transmit to the house a bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to modify the license law, and a bill to vacate a certain Territorial road, which the senate have passed and in which the concurrence of the house is respectfully asked.

Your obedient servant,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Sec. of Senate.

The bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by the said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal, was ordered to be enrolled.

The bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to modify the li-

sense law, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The bill to vacate a certain Territorial road was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Mr. Mac Leod, from the committee on the judiciary, on leave of the House, reported back the bill supplementary to the act entitled an act to modify the license law, and the bill was thereupon referred to a committee of the whole.

The house concurred in the amendments of the senate to the joint resolution relative to the printing of the revision of the statutes.

Mr. Stone moved to reconsider the vote of concurrence, pending which,

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The bill was laid upon the table, and

On motion of Mr. Steevens,

The house adjourned to half past nine o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, March 24, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

A quorum of members appearing,

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Inglis.

REPORTS.

Mr. Galloway, from the committee on roads and bridges, to whom was referred a bill from the Senate to vacate a certain territorial road, reported the same back to the House and recommended its passage.

Mr. Eastman, from the committee on engrossment and enrollment, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill to provide for the current expenses of the state for the year 1845;

A bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a certain tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an

act to incorporate the Kalamazoo mutual insurance company, approved March 7, 1834;

A bill appropriating certain non-resident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River turnpike between the village of Howell in Livingston county, and the house of Justus Gilkey in Ingham county;

A bill to amend an act for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston;

A bill to amend an act to abolish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sale of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844;

A joint resolution relative to the printing of the revision of the laws;

A bill making appropriations for defraying certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, and that said bills had been this day presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 20, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House a bill to authorize Chad Brown and others, to build a dam across the St. Joseph River, which the Senate have passed, and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The bill to authorize Chad Brown and others, to build a dam across the St. Joseph River was read the first and second time, and

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The rules were suspended and the bill read a third time and passed.

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 22, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo Mutual Insurance Company, approved March 7, 1834, which the Senate have passed without amendment;

Also, respectfully to inform the House that the Senate have concurred in the amendments to the bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain school monies, &c.,

And also, to the joint resolution relative to the powers conferred upon the board of auditors, &c.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The joint resolution relative to the claim of Hicks & Co., was taken from the table and referred to the committee on claims; and thereupon Mr. Pratt from the said committee reported back the said resolution to the House, and recommended its passage.

The House had under consideration the joint resolution relative to printing the revised statutes, and the question being upon the motion of Mr. Stone, to reconsider the vote of concurrence in the Senate amendments to said resolution, it was carried in the affirmative; and thereupon the House refused to concur in said amendments.

The House had also under consideration a bill to authorize Chad Brown and others to build a dam across the St. Joseph river, and,

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

The rules were suspended and the joint resolution relative to the claim of Hicks & Co., was read a third time and concurred in.

GENERAL ORDER.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the general order, Mr. Williams in the chair.

And after some time spent thereon the committee rose and the chairman reported in his place that the committee of the whole house had had under consderation,

A bill to vacate a certain Territorial road,

And a bill supplementary to the act entitled an act to modify the license law,

Which the committee had directed their chairman to report without amendment.

And thereupon the said bills (all rules the having been suspended) were severally read a third time and passed.

Mr. Roof asked for and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill to amend an act for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston.

And on motion of Mr. Roof,

The rules requiring the reference of the bill to a standing committee and a committee of the whole were suspended,

And on motion of Mr. Galloway,

The rules requiring its engrossment &c. were suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Harvie,

The House took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

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Afternoon Session—Two o'clock.

The House was again called to order by the Speaker, and a quorum of members appeared.

MESSAGES.

The Speaker announced the following messages from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, *March* 24, 1845

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of Representatives, a bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845, and inform the House that the Senate have passed the same with sundry amendments in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
T. F. BRODHEAD,
Secretary of Senate.

The question was put upon each of said amendments separately, and they were severally concurred in, with the exception of the fifth providing for the travelling fees of the officers of the Senate in returning from the seat of government to their several places of residence.

Mr. Pratt from the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses upon the bill to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the sale of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1845, recommended that the House recede from their non-concurrence in the amendments of the Senate to said bill.

And thereupon the House concurred therein.

The chair announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, March 24, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate *insist* on their amendment to the general appropriation bill.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of Senate.

The question recurring, will the House insist upon their non-concurrence in the fifth amendment to the bill making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845?

The yeas and nays were ordered and the House insisted upon its non-concurrence by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hays,	Mr. Ransom,	
Blair,	Hazelton,	Shaw,	
Cartter,	Hill,	Steevens,	
Cook,	Jones,	Stone,	
Davis,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Eastman	MacLeod,	Thompson,	
Ecklee,	Murray,	Williams,	
Galloway,	Pitcher,	Wyman,	
Groves,	Pratt,	Speaker,	
Harvie,	Pullen,		30

NAYS.

Mr. Munger,	Mr. Richman	2

Mr. Cook moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion did not prevail.

SENATE CHAMBER, March 24, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House a bill

to amend an act for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston, which the Senate have passed without amendment.

Also to transmit a joint resolution relative to state printing, which the Senate have adopted and in which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill to amend an act for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston, was ordered to be enrolled.

The joint resolution relative to the state printing being under consideration, (the rules having been previously suspended,)

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed (the rule having been again suspended) by the following vote:

YEAS.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. D. Johnson,	Mr. Steevens,	
Arnold,	Magoon,	Stone,	
Blair,	Mason,	Taylor,	
Cartter,	Munger,	Thompson,	
Compton,	Murray,	Walker,	
Davis,	Pitcher,	Williams,	
Eastman,	Pratt,	Wood,	
Ecklee,	Pullen,	Wyman,	
Galloway,	Rose,	Speaker,	
Harvie,	Schwarz,		29

NAYS.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richman,	
Hays,	MacLeod,	Roof,	
Hazelton,	Pease,	Shaw,	
Hill,	Ransom,	Vickery,	12

The Speaker presented the following communication:

Detroit, March 24, 1845.

Sir—I propose to occupy the apartment in which the library is kept, while executing the orders of the Legislature in regard to the journals and documents, and during the remainder of the recess as a deposit for the records and papers of the Quarter Master General's department.

The object of the arrangement is to enable me, during my intervals of leisure, to prepare a complete catalogue of the library and a statement of the condition of each book and set of books therein, and place the same before the Legislature at its next session.

And this I propose to do gratuitously, and will on no account receive any requital or equivalent whatever.

Your obedient servant,

EZRA WILLIAMS.

Hon. A. H. HANSCOM, *Speaker House of Representatives.*

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cartter,

The following joint resolution (the rules having been suspended) was considered and adopted:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That Ezra Williams be allowed the use of the library room during the recess of the legisleture for the purposes set forth in his communication to the House this day.

The chair announced the following communication:

SENATE CHAMBER, *March* 24, 1845.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House a bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith, and respectfully inform the House that the Senate have refused to pass the same.

Also to inform the House that the Senate have receded from their amendment, to the general appropriation bill.

Also to return the joint resolution relating to the printing of the revision of the statutes, and inform the House that the Senate have receded from their amendment thereto.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec'y of the Senate.

The joint resolution relative to the printing of the revision of the statutes was ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. D. Johnson,

A committee of two were appointed to wait upon his excellency the Governor, and inform him that the House have no further business before them, and to ascertain whether he has any further communication to make to the House.

The committee was ordered to consist of Messrs. D. Johnson and Cook, who after a short time returned and reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and had received for answer, that he had sundry communications nearly in readiness, and would transmit the same without delay.

Mr. Mac Leod offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Honorable A. H. Hanscom for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and for the uniform, kind, and courteous demeanor which he has manifested to the members of this body.

Mr. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was also unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this house be tendered to the chief clerk for the active and faithful discharge of his duties, and his general urbanity towards the members.

Mr. Harvie asked leave to read the following communication, which had just been handed him for that purpose :

DEAR SIR :—"You will do me a favor by becoming the medium of communicating to the House of Representatives my sense of the obligation under which the members of this house have laid me by the uniform kindness which has been extended to me, and the marked indulgence with which my errors have been overlooked during the session which is about to close.

To those of them whose previous legislative experience enabled them to guide my course in the discharge of the duties of my appointment, I am particularly indebted for the kind and delicate manner in which they have put in my power to profit by that experience."

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E. WILLIAMS.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

The communication was ordered to be entered upon the journals.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House took a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening.

Evening Session.

The House was again called to order by the Speaker, and on calling the roll of members a quorum answered to their names.

Mr. Easman offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Rev. James V. Watson and the Rev. James Inglis, for the fidelity with which their duties as chaplains to the House of Representatives have been discharged, and for the courteous, gentlemanly and christian deportment which has marked their intercourse with its members.

Resolved, That the clerk of this House be directed to transmit to each of the above named gentlemen a copy of the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Mac Leod offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to Adjutant General Schwarz for the able military code which he submitted during the present session of the Legislature; and that although prejudice defeated its final consummation, we yet tender him the tribute of our regards.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 24, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act for the relief of school district number six, in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw; also,

An act to provide for laying out of certain state roads; also,

An an act to provide for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston; also,

An act to authorize the township board of the town of Newark county of Allegan, to build a free bridge across the Kalamazoo river, at or near its mouth; also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act for providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of the state, approved February 20, 1844; also,

An act in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners;—also,

An act for the relief of Mark Cannon; also,

An act for the relief of John Silk; also,

An act to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road therein mentioned, and for other purposes; also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Cottonwood swamp turnpike company; also,

An act to provide for the sale of the salt spring lands belonging to the state; also,

An act to provide for laying out a certain state road; also,

An act to amend part first, title four, chapter one, of the revised statutes; also,

An act to thorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren; also,

An act to authorize the state officers to act as trustees of the Michigan State Bank, and for other purposes; also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers and duties of justices of the peace in civil proceedings, and for other purposes; also,

An act to provide for laying out and establishing a state road, and for other purposes; also,

An act for the relief of the township of Marcellus; also,

A joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain university lands.

JOHN S. BARRY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Detroit, March 24, 1845.

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, an act ceding jurisdiction to the United States, over a tract of land situate in Wayne county reserved by said United States out of the public lands for the site of an arsenal;

Also, an act to refer the claim of Stephen J. Morse to certain school lands to the board of state auditors, and for other purposes;

Also an act in relation to taxing banks;

Also a joint resolution relative to the routes of the Central and Southern Railroads;

Also an act appropriating certain non-resident highway taxes for

the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River turnpike between the village of Howell in Livingston county, and the house of Justus Gilkey in Ingham county;

Also an act to provide for paying salaries of state officers for the year 1845;

Also an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo mutual insurance company approved March 7, 1834.

Also an act to amend an an act to provide for laying out a state road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston;

Also an act to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes, approved March 11, 1844;

Also a joint resolution relative to printing the revision of the statutes;

Also an act making appropriations to defray certain expenses authorized for the year 1845;

JNO. S. BARRY.

On motion of Mr. Mac Leod,

A committee of two was appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them that the House had no further business before them and were now ready to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Mac Leod and Stone as such committee, who after a brief absence returned and reported that they had discharged the duty with which the House had charged them.

Senators Smith and Turner were announced as a committee from the Senate, who informed the House that the Senate had no further business before them and were now ready to adjourn *sine die*.

The Speaker announced the following message from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
March 24, 1845.

To the Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution, which the Senate have adopted, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Resolved, (The House concurring,) That a joint committee of two

from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, be appointed to wait upon the Executive and inform him that the two houses have finished the business before them, and are now ready to adjourn, and inquire if he had any further communication to make to the legislature.

Also, to inform the House that the Senate have appointed as such committee on their part, Senators Patterson and Hart.

Your obedient servant,

T. F. BRODHEAD,

Sec. of Senate.

On motion of Mr. Groves,

The resolution was concurred in, and the committee ordered to consist of Messrs. Groves and Carter, who after a short absence returned and reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned them by the House, and informed the Governor that unless he had some further communication to make, the legislature were now ready to adjourn *sine die*, and that the committee had received for answer that he had nothing further to communicate.

The Honorable the Speaker then rose and addressed the House as follows.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The hour of adjournment is at hand, our official relations about to be severed, and we to return to our families, friends and constituents. I therefore embrace this the last opportunity presented me to express to you, individually and collectively, my heartfelt thanks for your uniform courtesy and kindness toward each other and myself, during our session now about to close.

For the generous approval you have expressed of the manner in which I have discharged the duties of presiding officer of this House, I am most truly grateful, while I may be permitted to state that continued, and at times, severe illness, has made the discharge of my duties doubly irksome. I have, at all times, endeavored to discharge the duties enjoined upon me, with fidelity to you and the people of Michigan. My limited experience in the business of legislation, coupled with my youth, induced me to enter upon the discharge of the duties of your presiding officer with much diffidence, and to fear that I might not be able to meet the expectations of those too partial friends, who, by their votes, placed me in this chair.

To many of the more experienced members of this House, I feel deeply indebted for their continued counsel and advice. To every member I feel grateful for their prompt and ready adherence to the rules, their ready obedience to my decisions, and the courtesies of legislation. Grave and important questions may at times have elicited much feeling, and the excitement incident to their discussion, may have led others, as well as myself, to make unkind and hasty charges and ungenerous attacks upon others. Such are almost of necessity incidents of earnest and exciting debate. If I have wounded the feelings of any one, in all sincerity, I can say it was without design, and most regretted by myself. To our Clerk, this House, as well as myself, are under the greatest obligations for his constant and unwearied exertions to discharge every duty of his responsible and important office—that he has done so with the most perfect fidelity and signal ability, every member of this House can bear witness. In conclusion, permit me to say that much and important business has been done during our session, which, I trust, may advance the best interests of the State:

Our session has been most emphatically a business one—a laborious one. Less time has been spent in debate than at any former session of the House of Representatives; and could the people of the State be advised of the enormous amount of business which has necessarily been before us, and required our action, they could only be surprised that our session was not still more protracted.

May you have, each one of you, a speedy and pleasant journey to your homes, and meet your families in health, and the applause of your constituents be awarded to your action upon this floor. You have my earnest wishes for your future prosperity and happiness, and with no feelings other than those of kindness and friendship toward each of you, I bid you adieu.

On motion of Mr. MacLeod,

The House adjourned *sine die*.

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An act to amend "an act to incorporate the Detroit and Grand River Plank Road Company;" approved February 17, 1845—Mr. Cartter. 150, 163, 165, 168, 186, 193, 205.

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An act for the relief of Mark Cannon; approved March 24, 1845—288, 444, 448, 452, 501, 511, 525.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Cottonwood Swamp Turnpike company;" approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Cartter. 276, 443, 448, 452, 501, 510, 525.

An act for the relief of John Silk; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Ecklee. 313, 318, 458, 459, 461, 465, 502, 510, 565.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act providing for the final adjustment of all unsettled claims for damages growing out of the internal improvements of the State;" approved February 20, 1844; approved March 20, 1845—Mr. Wyman.—371, 384, 461, 465, 501, 511, 524.

An act to authorize the State officers to act as trustees of the Michigan State Bank, and for other purposes; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. McLeod. 359, 457, 461, 465, 497, 525.

An act to provide for the sale of the Salt Spring Lands belonging to the State; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Roof. 269, 276, 283, 420, 429, 448, 452, 497, 498, 510, 525.

An act for the relief of school district No. 6, in the township of Manchester, county of Washtenaw; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. MacLeod. 19, 28, 28, 508, 524.

An act to amend part first, title four, chapter one, of the revised statutes; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Power. 376, 455, 456, 501, 511, 525.

An act to authorize Fabius Miles to construct a dam across the Paw Paw river, in the county of Van Buren; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. MacLeod. 192, 208, 212, 214, 501, 511, 525.

An act to provide for laying out a State Road from Pontiac to Hillman's tavern, in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Galloway. 312, 443, 444, 487, 501, 517, 509, 520, 521, 524, 526.

An act for the relief of the township of Marcellus; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. MacLeod. 320, 443, 448, 452, 502, 510, 525.

An act to authorize the commissioners of highways of the town of Jackson, in the county of Jackson, to alter a state road mentioned therein, and for other purposes; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Galloway. 277, 444, 448, 452, 501, 510, 525.

An act in relation to the duties of circuit court commissioners; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Harvie. 501, 510, 524.

An act appropriating certain non-resident highway taxes for the purpose of improving the Detroit and Grand River turnpike, between the village of Howell, in Livingston county, and the house of Justice Gilkey, in Ingham county; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Jones. 442, 445, 456, 501, 517, 526.

An act to refer the claim of Stephen J. Morse to certain school lands, to the Board of State Auditors, and for other purposes; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Stone. 168, 176, 198, 203, 488, 489, 501, 525.

An act in relation to taxing banks; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Stone. 449, 469, 502, 511, 525.

An act ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situate in Wayne county, reserved by said United States out of the public lands, for the site of an arsenal; approved March 24, 1845. —Mr. MacLeod. 150, 163, 344, 363, 375, 515, 516, 525.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Kalamazoo Mutual Insurance Company;" approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Harvie. 492, 494, 495, 516, 518, 526.

An act supplementary to an act entitled "an act to modify the license law; approved March 24, 1845. 515, 516, 518. 519.

An act to provide for paying the salaries of State Officers for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Roof originally introduced this act as a "bill to provide for the current expenses of the State, for the year 1845, and for other purposes." 108, 118, 142, 150, 154, 207, 214, 216, 220, 365, 371, 387, 508, 509, 516, 526.

An act making appropriations for certain expenses authorized for the year eighteen hundred and forty-five; approved March 24, 1845—

Mr. Roof. 364, 371, 403, 420, 422, 428, 429, 430, 446, 476, 482, 492, 493, 500, 509, 514, 517, 519, 520, 522, 526.

An act to amend an act for laying out a State Road from Pontiac to Hillman's Tavern, in the township of Tyrone, county of Livingston; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Roof. 519, 520, 521, 526.

An act to amend an act to establish a land office, to prescribe and regulate the disposition of the public lands, and for other purposes; approved March 11, 1844; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Groves. 53, 62, 66, 68, 77, 88, 100, 101, 111, 112, 437, 441, 451, 452, 517, 520, 526.

ACTS

Originating in the Senate.

An act to vacate a part of the village of Niles; approved February 3, 1845. 80, 103, 113, 116.

An act to change the terms of the court of chancery for the first circuit; approved February 3, 1845. 49, 108, 113, 117.

An act to incorporate the Misses Clark's School at Ann Arbor; approved February 15, 1845. 80, 103, 113, 117, 131, 133.

An act to to provide for repairing the jail in the county of Wayne; approved February 15, 1845. 61, 150, 162, 168, 178.

An act to amend the law in relation to crimes; approved March 1, 1845. 178, 179, 208, 214.

An act to authorize Philo Beers and Anson Ensign to erect a dam across Flat river, in the county of Montcalm; approved March 19, 1845. 202, 212, 327, 339, 354.

An act to provide for the payment of G. F. Rood & Co.; approved March 19, 1845. 202, 211, 219, 224, 327, 339, 355.

An act to provide for laying out a State Road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon Lake; approved March 19, 1845. 279, 280, 378, 385.

An act to provide for laying out a certain road from Grand Rapids to Muskegon river; approved March 19, 1845. 279, 280, 378, 385.

An act to provide for laying out a certain road from Grandville to Grand Haven; approved March 19, 1845. 279, 280, 378, 385.

An act to provide for the service of process, upon the agents of corporations, in certain cases; approved March 19, 1845. 218, 219, 233, 327, 339, 354.

An act to incorporate the Michigan Central College, at Spring Arbor; approved March 19, 1845. 186, 198, 205, 309, 356, 373, 395.

An act concerning certain records of the circuit court for the county of Oakland; approved March 19, 1845. 258, 259, 267, 378, 385.

An act to provide for laying out a certain road from Augusta, in the county of Kalamazoo, via Gull Mills, to Yankee Springs, in Barry

county; approved March 19, 1845. 350, 359, 378, 385.
An act to authorize Arad Melvin and John Scoles to erect a dam across Flat River, in the county of Kent; approved March 19, 1845. 218, 233, 327, 339, 354.
An act to change the name of Michigan village; approved March 12, 1845. 201, 202, 212, 274, 283.
An act to provide for taking the census for the year 1845; approved March 19, 1845. 414, 418, 420, 426, 431.
An act to amend an act to establish a board of county auditors for Wayne county, and for other purposes; approved March 11, 1844; approved March 19, 1845. 202, 233, 326, 362, 364, 365, 366, 375, 443, 451.
An act to provide for laying out a State Road from Victor, in the county of Clinton, to to the New Mills, so called, in the same county; approved March 19, 1845. 258, 259, 296, 429, 430, 442, 451.
An act to authorize the board of supervisors of the respective counties of this State to raise by tax a sufficient sum to erect county buildings; approved March 19, 1845. 350, 375, 383, 468.
An act to amend the several acts relative to the village of Pontiac; approved March 19, 1845. 396, 415, 461, 462.
An act to vacate a portion of certain streets in the village of Bertrand; approved March 19, 1845. 370, 384, 461.
An act to provide for the sale of lands bid in by the State for delinquent taxes, and other purposes; approved March 19, 1845. 194, 304, 250, 266, 304, 309, 323, 324, 328, 331, 337, 354, 355, 395.
An act to incorporate the St. Clair and Romeo Turnpike company; approved March 24, 1845. 465.
An act to amend an "act relative to common or primary schools;" approved March 8, 1842; approved March 24, 1845. 299, 300, 301, 310, 404, 426, 443, 452, 488, 489.
An act to authorize the board of supervisors of the county of Hillsdale to build a jail; approved March 24, 1845. 313, 320, 457, 459.
An act to amend an act entitled "an act to prescribe the powers and duties of Justices of the Peace in civil proceedings; approved April 9, 1841; approved March 24, 1845. 396, 415, 462.
An act to provide against tresspass upon the towing path of canals; approved March 24, 1845. 502.
An act to relocate a certain State road; approved March 24, 1845; 298, 299, 312, 452.
An act to amend an act entitled "an act to repeal the charters of certain Banks, and for other purposes;" approved February 16, 1844; approved March 24, 1845. 414, 420, 464.
An act to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary; approved March 24, 1845. 299, 310, 443, 452.
An act to incorporate the Ann Arbor Female Seminary; approved March 24, 1845. 298, 299, 330, 457, 459, 471.
An act for the relief of the heirs of Timothy Crittenden, deceased; approved March 24, 1845. 488, 490, 495.

An act to authorize Orange J. Niles to build a store house on the margin of the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal; approved March 24, 1845. 439, 440, 449, 464, 487.

An act to amend the second clause of section 3, chap. 1, title 5, of part 3d, of the revised statutes, relative to costs; approved March 24, 1845. 450, 474.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the publication of the decisions of the Supreme court and court of Chancery;" approved February 29, 1844; approved March 24, 1845. 488, 490, 491, 494, 495.

An act to change the name of Wilson Hamilton Coffin; approved March 24, 1845. 439, 440, 464, 510.

An act to improve the State road from Marshall to Ionia; approved March 24, 1845. 370, 384, 456, 457.

An act to establish a board of state auditors to investigate certain claims growing out of the sales of the primary or common school, University and internal improvement lands; approved March 24, 1845. 279, 280, 295, 404, 420.

An act to authorize Chad Brown and others to build a dam across St. Joseph river; approved March 24, 1845. 517, 518.

An act to provide for the payment of interest on certain monies belonging to the primary school fund, and to increase the State tax; approved March 24, 1845. 488, 491, 494, 496, 499, 518.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Originating in the House of Representatives.

Joint resolution relative to a joint convention to canvass the votes upon an amendment to the constitution—Mr. Pratt. 10.

Joint resolution relative to the annexation of Texas; approved February 3, 1845—Mr. Hays. 39, 42, 50, 69, 77, 78, 82, 83, 93, 114, 126, 132.

Joint resolution authorizing the acting commissioner of internal improvement to let the contracts upon the Palmyra and Jacksonburgh railroad, and to complete the Central railroad from Marshall to Kalamazoo; approved March 3, 1845—Mr. Hays. 246, 279, 296, 297.

Joint resolution authorizing a settlement with John Munroe; approved March 8, 1845—Mr. Pratt. 193, 208, 212, 214, 298, 310, 349.

Joint resolution relative to the improvement of the harbors of the North-western lakes; approved March 19, 1845. 356, 358, 362, 427, 437, 469.

Joint resolution authorizing a settlement with Thomas G. Davis; approved March 19, 1845. 185, 208, 212, 214, 396, 417, 469.

Joint resolution relative to the claim of school district number three, in the township of Kalamazoo; approved March 19, 1845. 34, 35,

132, 134, 138, 141, 395, 417, 469.
Joint resolution relative to a settlement with E. Corning & Co.; approved March 12, 1845—Mr. Pratt. 244,327, 339, 343, 355, 369, 370.
Joint resolution relative to the routes of the Central and Southern rail-roads; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Andrews. 447, 508, 511, 525.
Joint resolution granting to Joel P. Mann the right to construct a mill race or canal through certain University lands; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Hays. 195, 200, 274, 277, 283, 486, 487, 525.
Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the Session Laws, Journals and documents for 1845; approved March 24, 1845—Mr. Roof. 451, 501, 510.
Joint resolution relative to the printing of the revision of the statutes; approved March 24, 1845. Mr. MacLeod. 471, 515, 516, 517, 518, 522, 526.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Originating in the Senate.

Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a private Secretary; approved January 10, 1845. 5.
Joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the State land office, to release to D. C. VanTine and others, the right to construct a mill-race or canal across certain University lands; approved January 23, 1845. 49, 51, 52, 53, 62, 68.
Preamble and joint resolution relative to salt spring lands; approved January 28, 1845. 30, 34, 37, 41, 43, 48.
Joint resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of a reduction of Postage; approved February 6, 1845. 30, 47, 48, 106, 110, 111, 116, 118, 132.
Joint resolution relative to tariff on Wood; approved February 15, 1845. 139, 140, 147.
Joint resolution relative to steamboats on the lakes, in connexion with the railroads of this State; approved February 15, 1845. 132, 135, 144, 154, 162.
Joint resolution relative to the claim of Joel Clemens; approved February 15, 1845. 139, 140, 144, 145, 148, 154.
Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish certain documents to the agent of the state prison; approved February 20, 1845. 160, 165, 172, 173, 180.
Joint resolution relative to the Territory of Oregon; approved February 20, 1845. 153, 165, 173, 180, 201.
Joint resolution relative to the claim of Jacob Rhines; approved March 12, 1845. 202, 274, 283.
Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Of-

fice to convey certain lands to Jeremiah Silver; approved March 22, 1845. 206, 210, 274, 283

Joint resolution relative to the claim of D. Ferguson, Jr.; approved March 22, 1845. 396, 438, 464.

Joint resolution relative to the Board of State Auditors, established under the act of March, 1845; approved March 24, 1845; 497, 498, 510, 518.

Joint resolution relative to a settlement of the claim of A. F. Bolton and D. Porter, by the Board of State Auditors; approved March 24, 1845. 414, 438, 464.

Joint resolution relative to the claim of Hicks & Co.; approved March 24, 1845. 502, 506, 518.

Joint resolution authorizing prisoners under criminal process within the county of Wayne, to be imprisoned in the jails of any of the adjoining counties; approved March 24, 1845. 428, 435, 464.

Joint resolution of instruction relative to an Indian treaty; approved March 24, 1845. 322, 330, 457, 459.

Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to direct the removal of a certain steam engine, &c., to the State Prison at Jackson; approved March 24, 1845. 488, 490.

Joint resolution to encourage emigration to this State; approved March 24, 1845. 321, 322, 330, 461.

BILLS

Originating in the House of Representatives, and by whom introduced.

A bill to provide for the sale of the Southern and Central Rail-roads, and for liquidation of the State indebtedness—Mr. Pratt. 26.

A bill to amend the law in relation to crimes—Mr. Harvie. 40, 44, 48, 52, 55.

A bill to re-attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer—Mr. Taylor. 40.

A bill to provide for taking the census for 1845—Mr. Schwarz. 47, 340, 341, 365, 374, 377, 403, 426.

A bill making an appropriation in aid of the construction of a wagon road on the line of the Northern Rail-road—Mr. Thompson. 56, 60, 74, 88, 90, 195, 228, 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 235, 240, 253, 263, 268, 271, 321, 329, 405, 424.

A bill to attach certain townships to the county of Lapeer, as a part of the territory and jurisdiction thereof—Mr. Taylor. 60, 66, 257, 327, 340.

A bill making an appropriation of land to improve the navigation of the Shiawassee river—Mr. Thompson. 61, 86, 106, 116, 253, 304, 309, 310, 315, 365.

A bill to incorporate seminaries of learning—Mr. Hill. 81, 90, 102, 134.

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment"—Mr. Thompson. 87.

A bill to provide for funding certain warrants on the internal improvement fund—Mr. Stone. 96, 105, 106, 111, 116, 140, 141.

A bill for improving the navigation of the Galien river, and to aid in the construction of a wagon road from New Troy to New Buffalo—Mr. Groves. 99, 195, 278, 340, 341, 342, 351, 395, 406, 415.

A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Pontiac and Shiawassee road—Mr. Galloway. 104, 116, 121, 134, 149, 151, 154, 195, 251, 253, 263, 269, 272, 275, 284.

A bill to legalize the acts of certain township treasurers—Mr. Stone. 116, 124, 125, 127.

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Detroit and Grand River turnpike—Mr. Power. 124, 126, 134, 149, 150, 154, 195, 228, 251, 321, 329, 405, 423.

A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Kalamazoo river—Mr. Cook. 130, 145, 195, 251, 253, 337.

A bill to provide for the judicial governance of the counties of Michilimackinac and Chippewa, and the several unorganized counties attached to the same for judicial purposes—Mr. MacLeod. 138, 158, 183, 187, 188, 203, 250, 273, 275, 395, 417.

A bill for the relief of Oliver Colt—Mr. Vickery. 139, 192, 222, 223, 227, 233, 249.

A bill to vacate a part of the village of Flint—Mr. Hazelton. 139.

A bill to incorporate the Ypsilanti Seminary—Mr. Compton. 139, 173, 174, 177, 181.

A bill to organize the county of Polk—Mr. Munger. 143, 155, 187, 188, 197, 219, 268, 273, 322.

A bill to repeal an act entitled "an act to provide for the draining of swamps, marshes, and other low-lands;" approved April 18, 1839—Mr. Carter. 144, 155. Substitute with same title introduced by Mr. Wyman. 207, 316, 317, 325, 348, 353, 497.

A bill for the relief of Isaiah J. Hudson—Mr. Power. 145, 155, 187, 189, 193, 197, 440.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Central Rail-road from the village of Kalamazoo, to the village of St. Joseph—Mr. Hays—150, 162, 172, 182, 195, 196, 251, 253, 260, 268, 271, 281, 321, 328, 406, 422.

A bill to provide for the extension of the Southern Rail-road from the village of Hillsdale to the village of Coldwater or Branch—Mr. Hays. 150, 162, 172, 182, 195, 196, 251, 253, 263, 269, 270, 281, 283, 321, 328, 405, 423.

A bill to provide for the partition of lands held by the State in common with individuals—Mr. Stone. 154, 165, 177, 357, 358, 362.

A bill to amend an act providing for the organization of courts of special sessions—Mr. Stone. 154, 165, 177, 208, 220, 223, 227.

A bill to regulate the militia—Mr. Schwarz; a bill to provide for the enrollment of the militia of this State, for the organization of uniform companies, and for the government and discipline thereof—Mr. Bancroft. 155, 162, 169, 183, 208, 215, 248, 291, 293, 294, 301, 310, 314, 333, 341, 362, 371, 479, 487, 489, 497.

A bill to provide for the erection of State armory—Mr. Schwarz.—157, 172, 177, 182, 365.

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Livingston to raise by tax, a sum sufficient to erect county buildings—Mr. MacLeod. 159, 172.

A bill to provide for planking a part of Michigan avenue and Woodward avenue in the city of Detroit—Mr. Harvie. 159, 182, 198, 220, 221, 223, 226, 427, 437.

A bill to improve the navigation of Flint River—Mr. Hazelton. 160, 177, 251, 253, 265, 268, 272, 321, 322—amended in the Senate by substituting "Shiawassee" for "Flint," and concurred in by by the House—333, 343, 406, 425.

A bill for the relief of Gould Richardson—Mr. Vickery. 172, 178, 184, 193, 208, 212, 214.

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the respective counties of this State to raise by tax a sum sufficient to erect county buildings—Mr. MacLeod. 173, 177, 181. Note—A bill for similar purposes was subsequently introduced into the Senate, and became a law.

A bill to regulate the business of fishing in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers—Mr. Bancroft. 180, 201.

A bill to provide for the construction of a canal around Grand Rapids, on Grand river, in the county of Kent—Mr. Roof. 180, 195, 200, 251, 253, 265, 268, 270, 321, 329, 405, 424.

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes;" approved March 8, 1843—Mr. MacLeod. 192, 208, 387.

A bill to amend part 1st, title 2, of the revised statutes—Mr. Blair. 200, 222, 224, 327, 339, 342, 352.

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act for the transfer of certain causes from the Supreme Court to the Court of Chancery, and for other purposes,"—Mr. Harvie. 202, 213, 216, 327. Title of the bill changed—338, 348, 355, 438.

A bill to abolish the office of Associate Judges of the Circuit Court, and for other purposes—Mr. Barbeau. 203, 213, 216, 327, 337. Title of the bill changed—340.

A bill to amend the law in relation to certain actions in ejectment.—208, 212, 214, 343, 344, 365.

A bill to prevent the traffic in ardent spirits with the Indians—Mr. Andrews. 211, 327, 337.

A bill to amend the revised statutes in relation to the action in ejectment. 317, 318, 322, 366, 375, 470.

A bill to amend an act entitled "an act to reduce the price of University and school lands, and for other purposes;" approved February 15, 1842—Mr. Pratt. 213.

A bill to provide for the survey of the Grand river—Mr. Roof. 219, 251, 278, 404, 426.

A bill for the relief of the township of Westphalia—Mr. Roof. 221, 223, 227.

A bill for the relief of the township of Portland—Mr. Roof. 222, 223, 227.
A bill making an appropriation on the Pontiac and Grand River road —Mr. Galloway. 232, 251, 253, 298, 300, 324, 327, 340, 343, 344, 348, 353, 357, 427, 437.
A bill to change the name of Hadley Norton Beckwith—Mr. MacLeod. 233, 327, 338, 343, 352, 522.
A bill for the relief of Lucius Warner—Mr. Wyman. 234, 289, 326, 338, 342, 354, 486.
A bill to incorporate the Alphidelphia Association—Mr. Vickery.—234, 299, 286, 444, 457, 459, 478.
A bill for the preservation of the State library—Mr. Thompson. 239, 326, 338, 342, 354, 452, 487, 490, 497, 498, 507, 508.
A bill to authorize the commissioners of highways of the township of Bennington to make alterations in a certain State road—Mr. Galloway. 247, 340, 341, 342, 354.
A bill to incorporate the Michigan Rail-road Company, and to authorize the sale of the Southern and Central Rail-roads—Mr. Pratt. 248, 276, 404, 429, 448, 453, 474, 492, 503, 513.
A bill to authorize School district No. 1, in the township of Battle Creek, to borrow money and levy certain taxes—Mr. Cartter.—257, 377, 383, 385, 438.
A bill to incorporate Olivet College—Mr. Jones. 259, 263, 268, 356.
A bill to amend an act relative to Common or Primary schools—Mr. Bancroft. 269, 278, 287, 404.
A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Saginaw road from Flint to Saginaw city—Mr. Galloway. 275, 356, 358, 362, 374, 450, 460.
A bill to provide for the compensation of the Quarter Master General—Mr. Schwarz. 278, 404.
A bill to incorporate the Ottawa and Bedford Road Company—Mr. Mason. 234, 279, 286, 448, 452, 461, 514.
A bill to authorize Sheriffs to do business in Justices' courts, and for other purposes—Mr. Power. 280, 290, 308, 458.
A bill for the relief of Benjamin Lapham—Mr. Groves. 259, 457, 459.
A bill to incorporate the Grand River Institute—Mr. Ecklee. 292, 297, 379, 399, 401, 417, 420, 421.
A bill for the preservation of passenger and freight cars—Mr. D. Johnson. 296, 448, 449.
A bill relative to highway and outside fences—Mr. MacLeod. 305, 456, 461, 465, 502.
A bill to abolish the punishment of death, and for other purposes—Mr. MacLeod. 311, 378.
A bill to provide for taxing the Erie & Kalamazoo Rail-road Company—Mr. Stone. 312, 385.
A bill to amend "an act to reduce the price of University and school lands, and for other purposes;" approved February 15, 1842—Mr. Stone. 317, 318, 323.

A bill in relation to certain works of internal improvement—Mr. Stone. 318, 379, 387, 391, 397, 417, 420.
A bill to simplify the laws of the State of Michigan, and to admit any man to the bar, and for other purposes—Mr. MacLeod. 320, 356, 494, 507.
A bill for the relief of Herrick Wiley—claim presented by Mr. Wyman, 14; bill introduced by Mr. Pratt. 158, 292, 302, 324, 378, 401, 417, 421.
A bill making provision for the payment of certain bonds against the State, and for other purposes—Mr. Stone. 330, 378, 401, 402.
A bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across Thread river, at or near the abutments on the line of the Northern rail-road, in the county of Genessee—Mr. Hazelton. 344, 361, 368, 425, 442, 443.
A bill for the preservation of deer and other game, during certain seasons of the year—Mr. MacLeod. 359, 458.
A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes—Mr. MacLeod. 359, 458.
A bill to amend an act entitled "an act relating to the conveyance of real estate," approved April 1, 1840—Mr. MacLeod. 359, 457, 461, 465, 502.
A bill to legalize certain acts performed under an act entitled "an act relative to the duties of assessors and highway commissioners," approved March 11, 1844, Mr. MacLeod. 360, 457, 459.
A bill to amend an act entitled "an act for the regulation of internal improvement," approved March 25, 1840—Mr. Stillson—365, 369, 455, 456.
A bill for the relief of Ebenezer Westbrook—claim presented by Mr. Bancroft, 358; bill introduced by Mr. Pratt. 418, 455, 463, 465 474.
A bill to provide for paying interest on certain State bonds—Mr. Stone. 418, 463, 473, 503, 511, 514.
A bill to repeal a part of an act in relation to certain actions in ejectment—Mr. Harvie. 446, 456, 486, 487.

BILLS

Originating in the Senate.

A bill to organize the township of Polk. 171, 172, 232.
A bill to authorize the appointment of commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments of writing under seal.—201, 202, 212, 377, 385, 387, 443.
A bill to authorize the building of a dam across the river Raisin.—218, 233, 327, 339, 354.
A bill to regulate the fisheries in the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.—258, 259, 297, 430.
A bill to provide for laying out a State road from Ann Arbor to Mooreville. 258, 259, 267, 379.

A bill for an appropriation on the Kalamazoo river. 279, 280, 300, 319, 327, 331, 375, 384, 406, 428, 430.
A bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over a tract of land situated in Wayne county, reserved by the United States for the site of an arsenal. 298, 299, 310, 344, 363.
A bill to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of cutting and carrying away timber, logs, &c., on or from the lands of another. 298, 299, 310, 444, 445.
A bill to amend section 6 of a certain act. 299, 312, 447, 452, 487.
A bill to amend the general election law. 350.
A bill to relocate a portion of the Clinton road. 414, 420, 447, 465.
A bill making an appropriation for the construction of a bridle path between the village of Saut Ste Marie and the borough of Michilimack nac. 414, 420, 463.
A bill to repeal an act to repeal sections 43 and 46, of chapter 1, title 7, of part 1st of the revised statutes. 439, 440, 510.
A bill to amend the law in relation to the inspection of leather.—450, 460, 463, 464.
A bill making an appropriation to aid in the construction of a State road from Lexington to Point aux Barques. 450, 460, 463.
A bill to improve the administration of justice. 489, 495, 504, 506.
A bill making appropriation of lands upon the Southern and Central Rail-road, and other works of internal improvement, for the year 1845. 498, 503, 504.
A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Washtenaw county to purchase lands for a poor house farm. 508, 509, 513.
A bill to vacate a certain territorial road. 515, 516, 518, 519.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Originating in the House of Representatives, but not adopted by both Houses.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing for biennial sessions of the legislature—Mr. Williams. 35, 57, 88, 90, 101, 147, 148, 153, 162, 173, 177, 182, 191, 196.
Joint resolution relative to the state library—Mr. Thompson. 43, 45, 47, 55.
Joint resolution relative to the United States Military Academy at West Point—Mr. Cartter. 44, 164, 165, 183, 188, 189, 195, 363.
Joint resolution relative to superintendent of lights on the North-western Lakes—Mr. MacLeod. 54, 104; 118, 126, 127, 186.
Joint resolution proposing a day for the adjournment of the legislature—Mr. Vickery. 104, 127, 128, 213, 274, 275, 292, 293.
Joint resolution authorizing the State Geologist and Commissioner of the State Land Office to select certain school lands—Mr. Galloway. 145, 148, 151, 154.
Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint commissioners

to locate internal improvement and state lands—Mr. Pratt. 147.
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